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SCOOBY-DOO™

FASTER, SCOOBY! THE
MYSTERY MACHINE
HAS GONE CRAZY!

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SCOTT BRALDS/
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SCOOBY-DOO™

in

THE MYSTERY MACHINE MYSTERY

GREAT DETECTIVES
HALL OF FAME

WOW! HERE WE ARE, GANG, AT
THE NEW GREAT DETECTIVES HALL
OF FAME!

AND JUST IN TIME FOR OUR
OWN INDUCTION, FRED!

WHO'D EVER THINK WE'D
GET IN, EH, SCOOBY?

ROT RE, RHAGGY!

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THE ENGINE SOUNDS
AWFUL!

SHAGGY, WHY DON'T YOU AND SCOOPY TAKE
THE MYSTERY MACHINE TO A SERVICE STATION
WHILE WE CHECK THINGS OUT HERE?

I'LL TELL YOU WHY NOT...

CLANK
CLUNK
SPUTT

THE HALL OF FAME HAS A 24-
HOUR CAFETERIA! AND IF YOU'RE
INDUCTED IN THE HALL, YOU
EAT FREE!

THE CAFETERIA WILL BE HERE WHEN
YOU GET BACK!

GRUMBLE! I CAN SMELL
THE HALL OF FAME FRIES
FROM HERE!

GRRR-RUMBLE!
REE ROO!

STRANGE! THERE'S NO
ONE AROUND!

LET'S CHECK OUT THE CAFETERIA, FRED!
SHAGGY AND SCOOPY WOULD HAVE WANTED
IT THAT WAY! CHUCKLE

CAFETERIA

THIS IS SO FLATTERING!

HOORAY!!
HOORAY!!

FRED, WELCOME!
VELMA, DAPHNE, SHAGGY, SCOOPY

MEANWHILE ...





I'M SORRY JOHN IS SUCH A PEST! HE THOUGHT HE SHOULD BE INDUCTED TODAY!

I HOPE HE DOESN'T CAUSE ANY MORE TROUBLE!

LET'S NOT WORRY! WE'RE HERE TO HAVE A GOOD TIME!

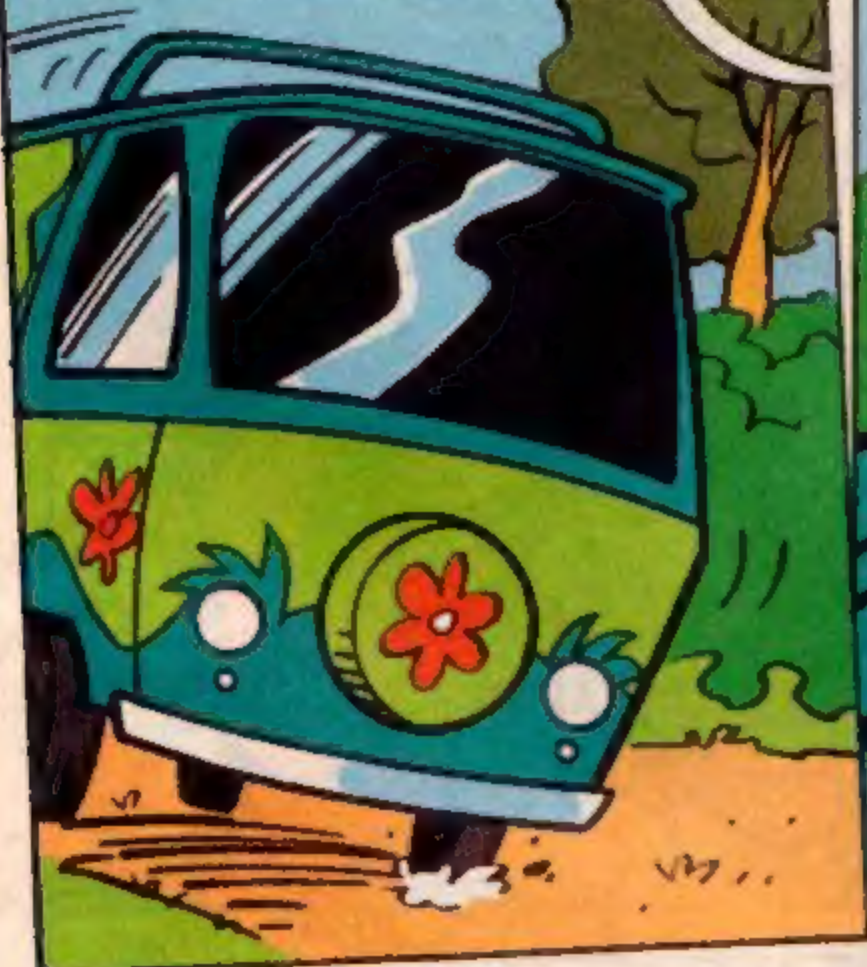


LOOK! SHAGGY AND SCOOPY ARE BACK!

IT MUST HAVE BEEN JUST A MINOR PROBLEM!



THAT'S STRANGE! HE'S DRIVING THE MYSTERY MACHINE ONTO THE GRASS!



LOOK OUT!

THE MYSTERY MACHINE IS OUT OF CONTROL!

SCREECH!



THE STEERING MECHANISM MUST HAVE SNAPPED!

SHAGGY AND SCOOPY ARE IN TROUBLE! THEY'RE HEADING FOR THE RIVER!



THEY'RE SMART! THEY'RE JUMPING OUT BEFORE THE MYSTERY MACHINE HITS THE RIVER!





WOW! THE MYSTERY MACHINE IS TURNING AROUND BY ITSELF!

SCREECH!



WATCH OUT! IT'S OUT OF CONTROL!

THAT WAS CLOSE!

ZOOM!

EEEEK!



LOOK AT IT GO!

WE DEFINITELY HAVE A MYSTERY ON OUR HANDS!

VOOM!



SHAGGY, WHO WAS DRIVING THE MYSTERY MACHINE?

NO ONE, FRED! IT'S DRIVING BY ITSELF!



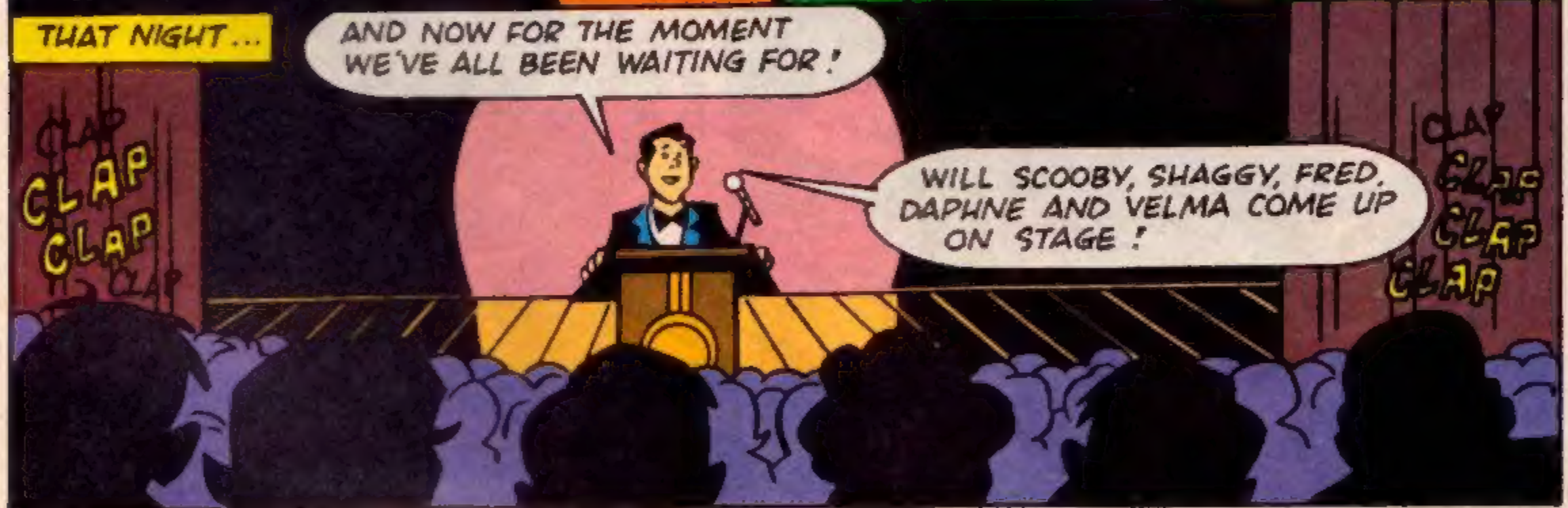
HERE COMES ROB ROYFIELD, THE DIRECTOR OF THE HALL!

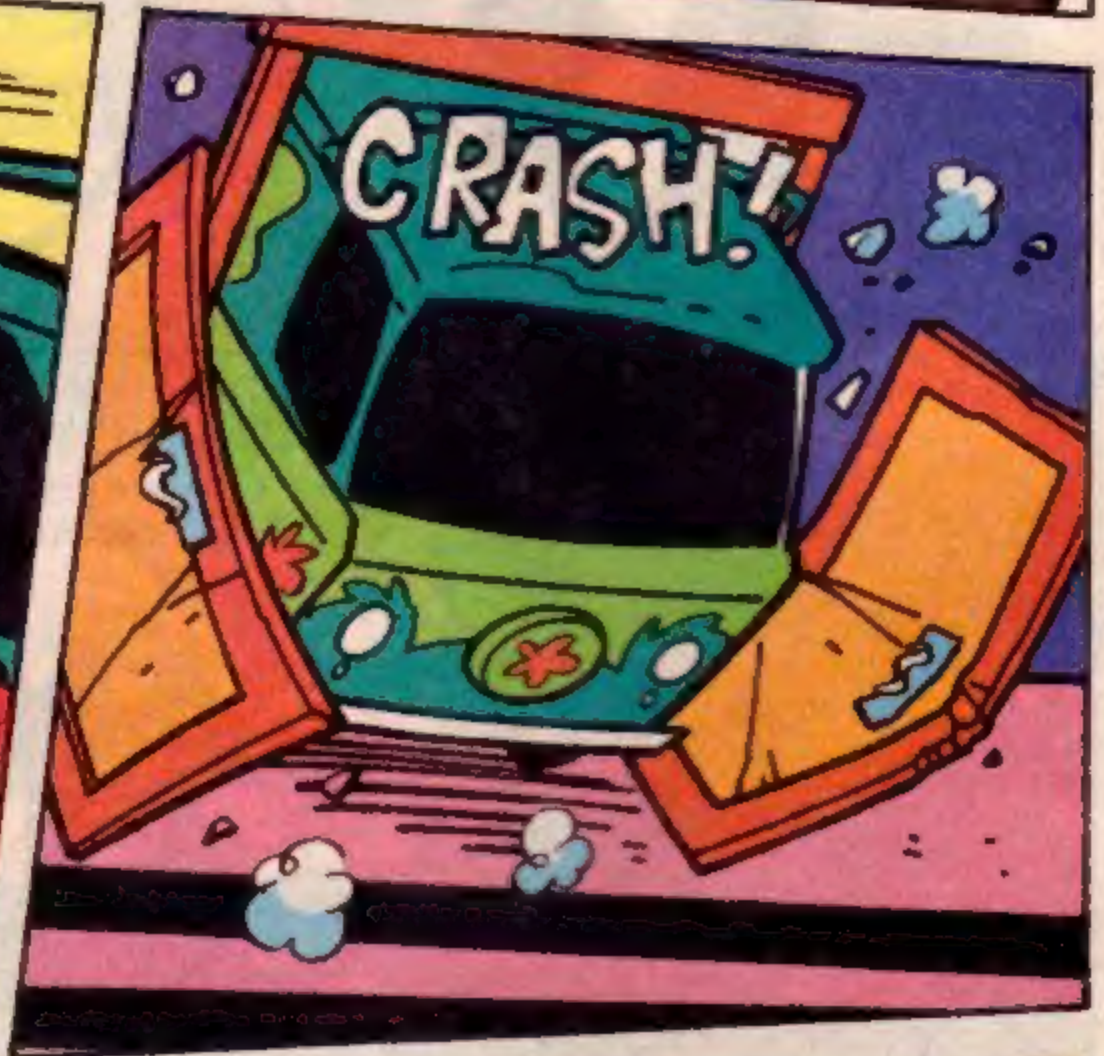
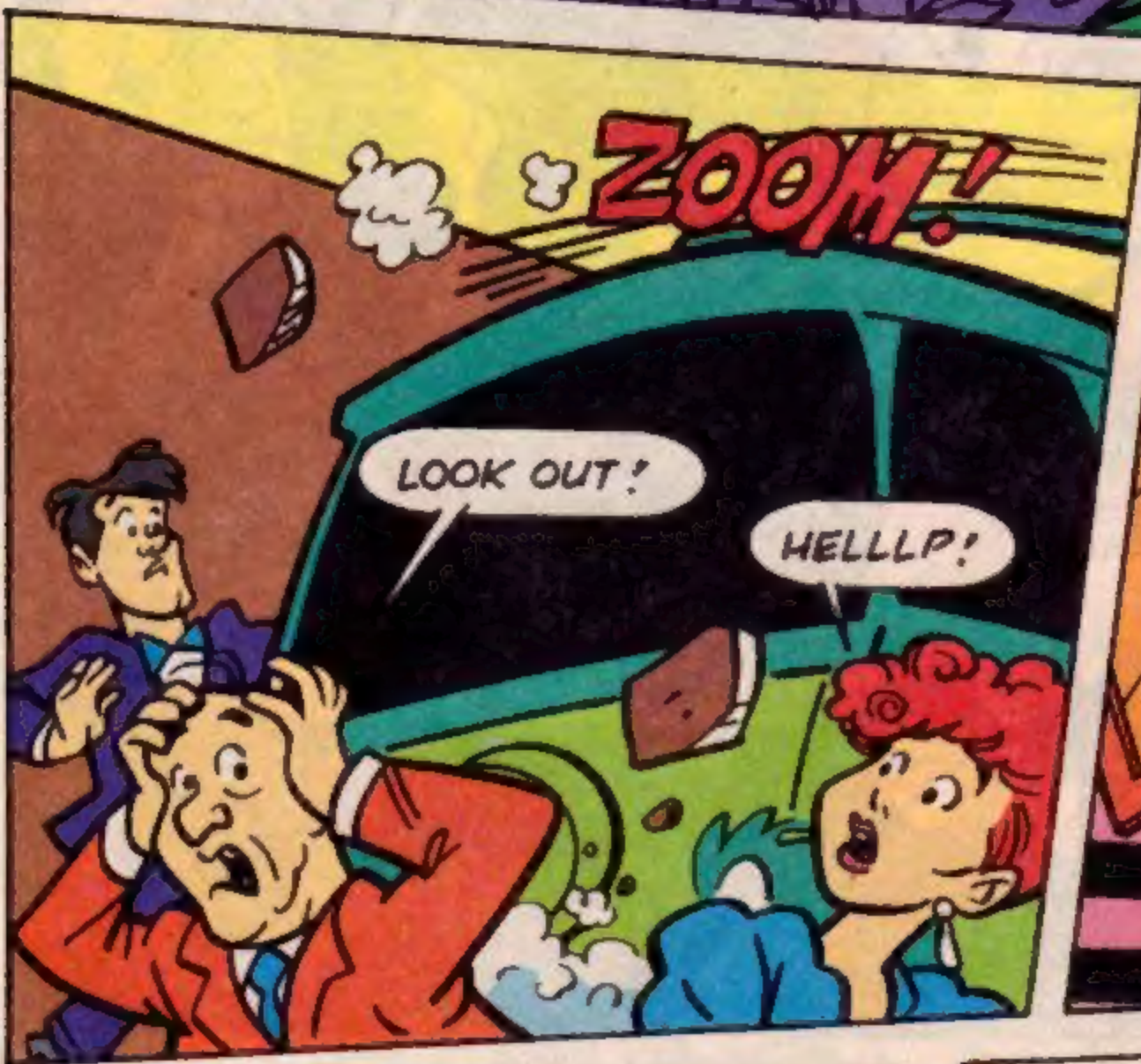
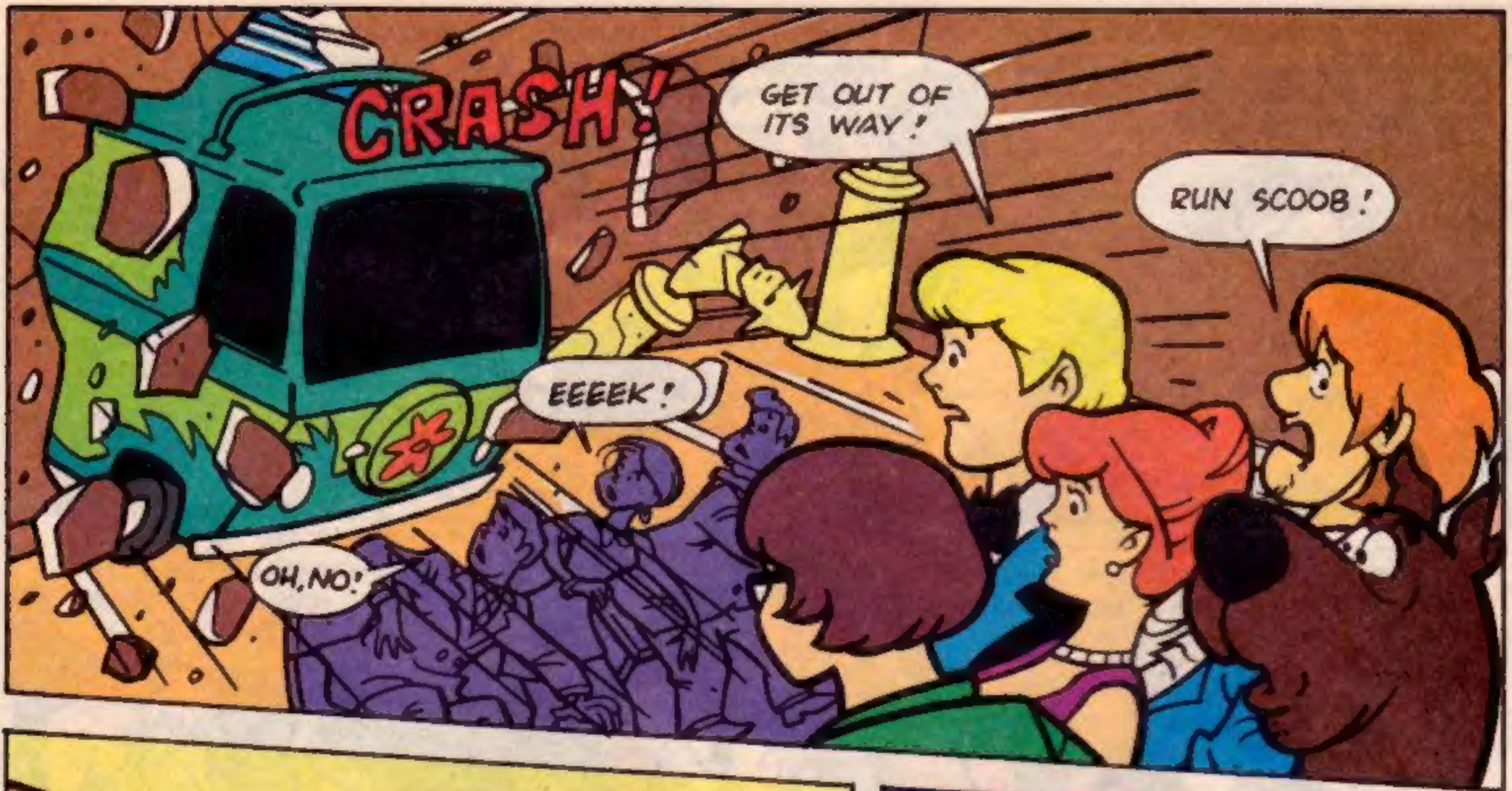
I'M SORRY I'M LATE, BUT WHAT IN TARNATION IS GOING ON HERE? THE GROUNDS ARE ALL RIPPED UP!

WE DON'T HAVE A CLUE!

I DON'T FEEL WELL! I'M SO WEAK!

GREAT HALL OF







I BET IT WAS JOHN! HE IS VERY JEALOUS OF YOU!

I NOTICED!



SHORTLY...

LOMPAC DAILY

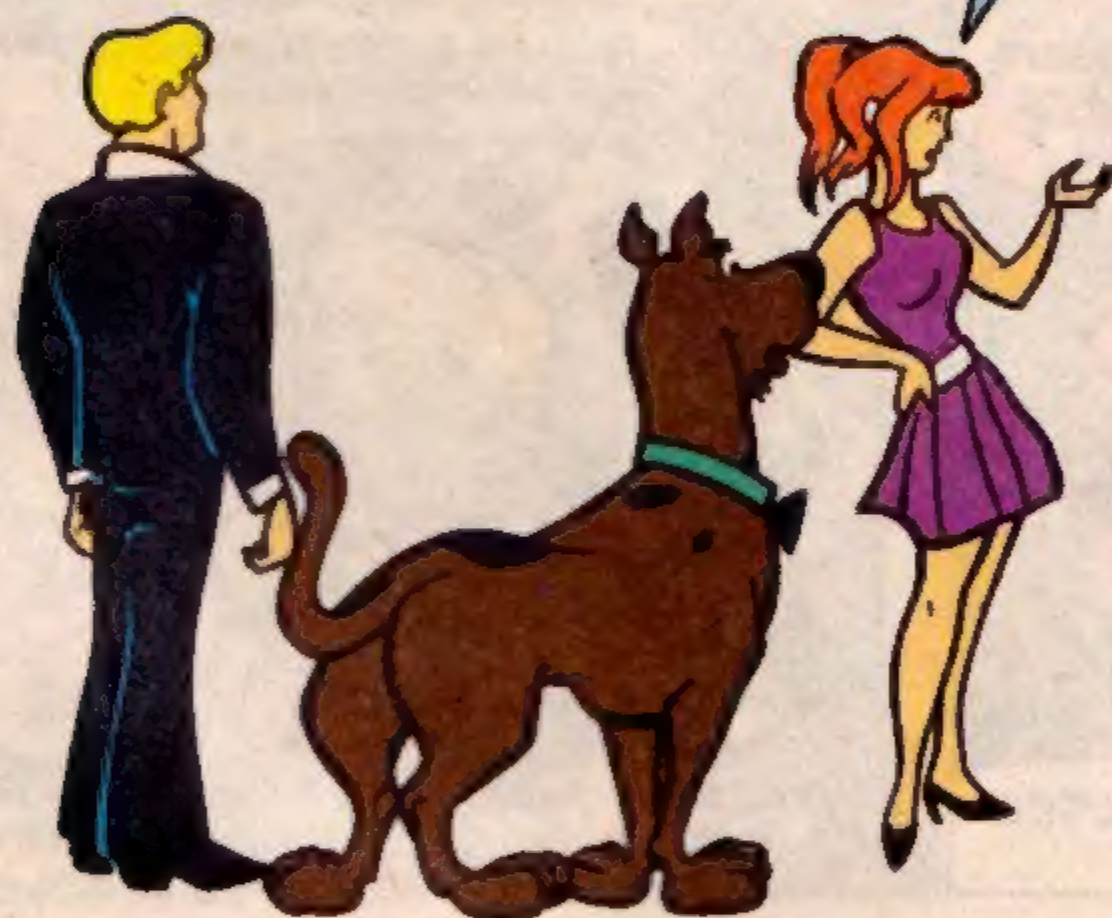


PICAYUNE INTELLIGENCER

GHOST VAN ATTACKS HALL OF FAME FEST

WE HAVE TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!

IF WE DON'T, WE'LL BE HUMILIATED!



EXIT

MAYBE THAT PAPER IS READ BY ONLY A FEW PEOPLE!



THEN AGAIN, MAYBE IT'S READ BY A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE!

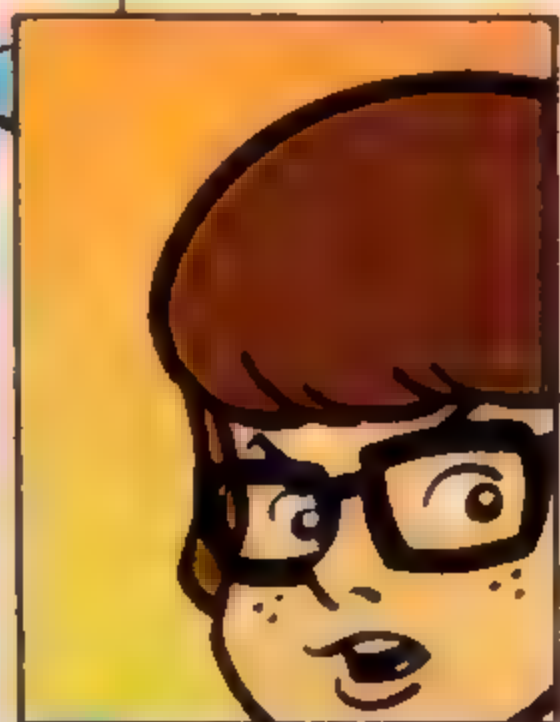
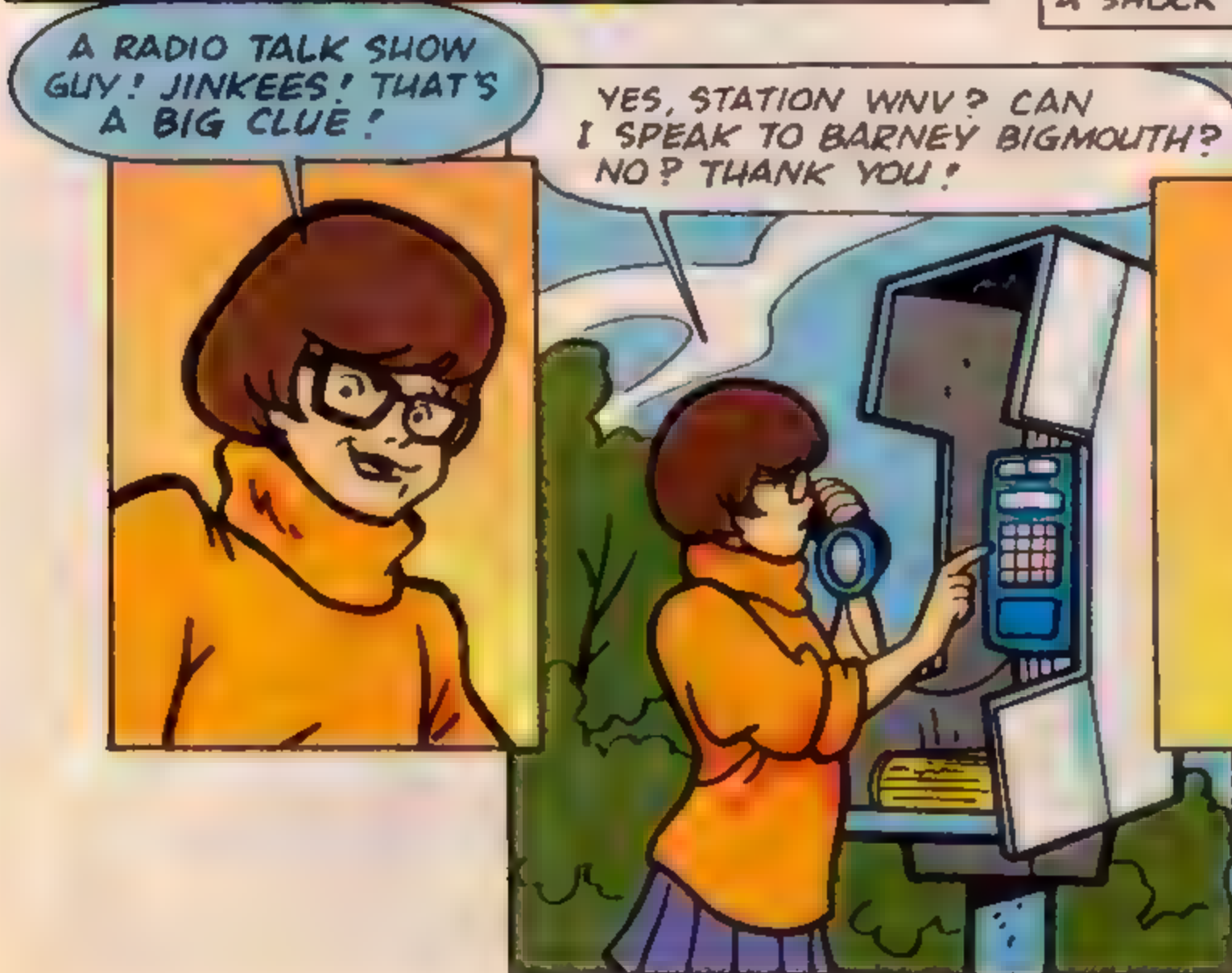
THERE THEY ARE! THE GREAT DETECTIVES!

LET'S CHECK OUT THE SERVICE STATION!

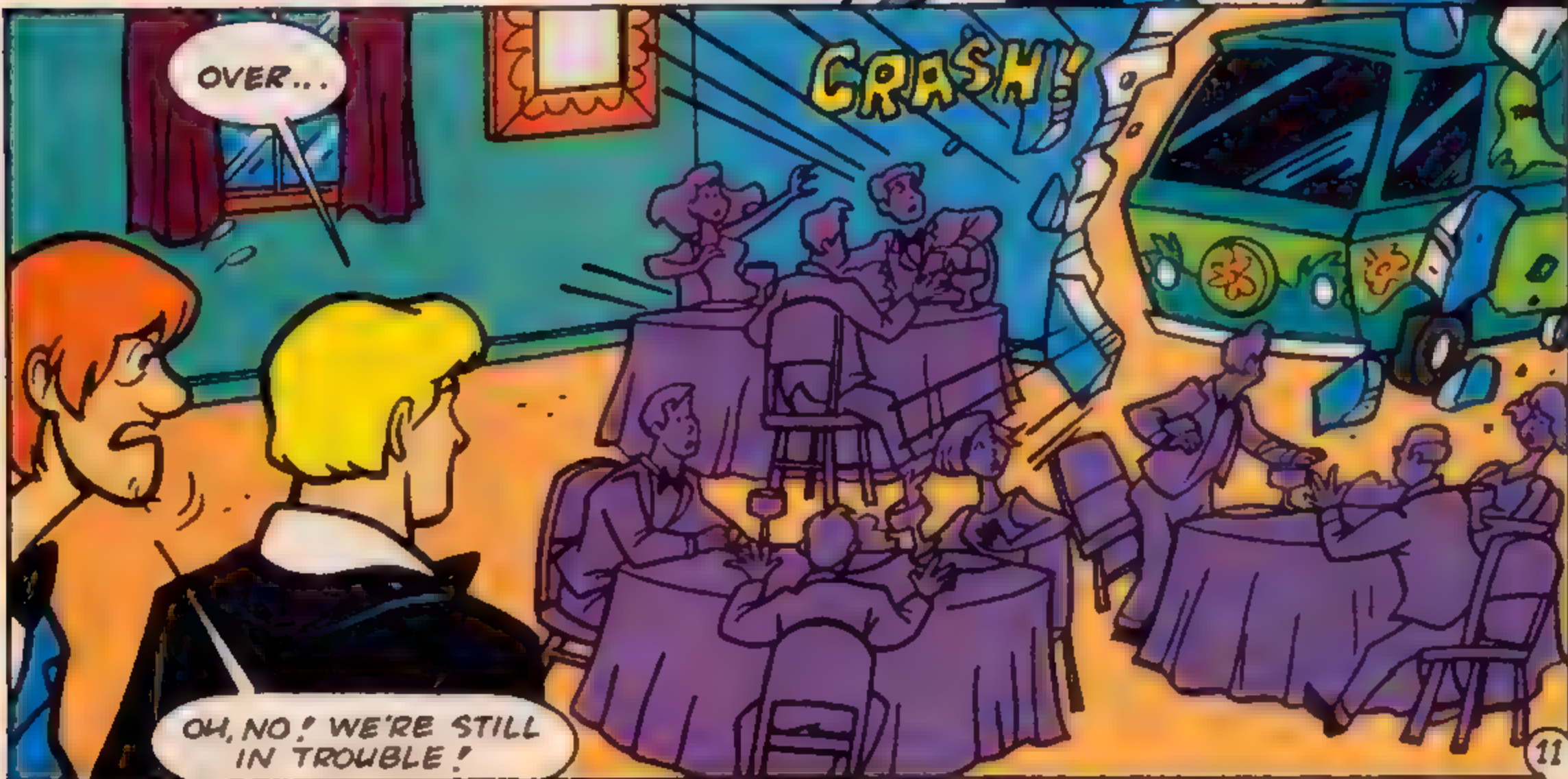
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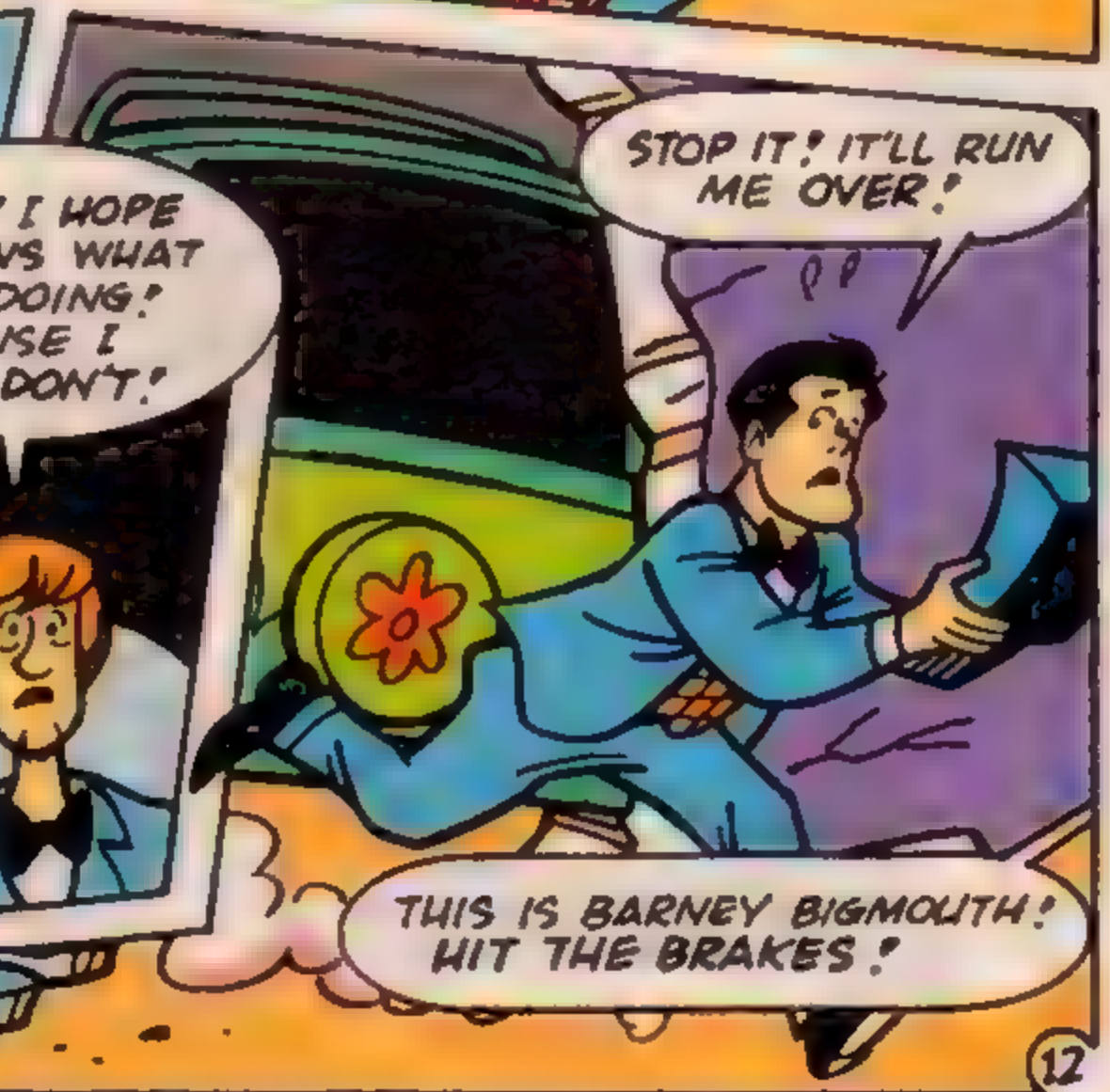
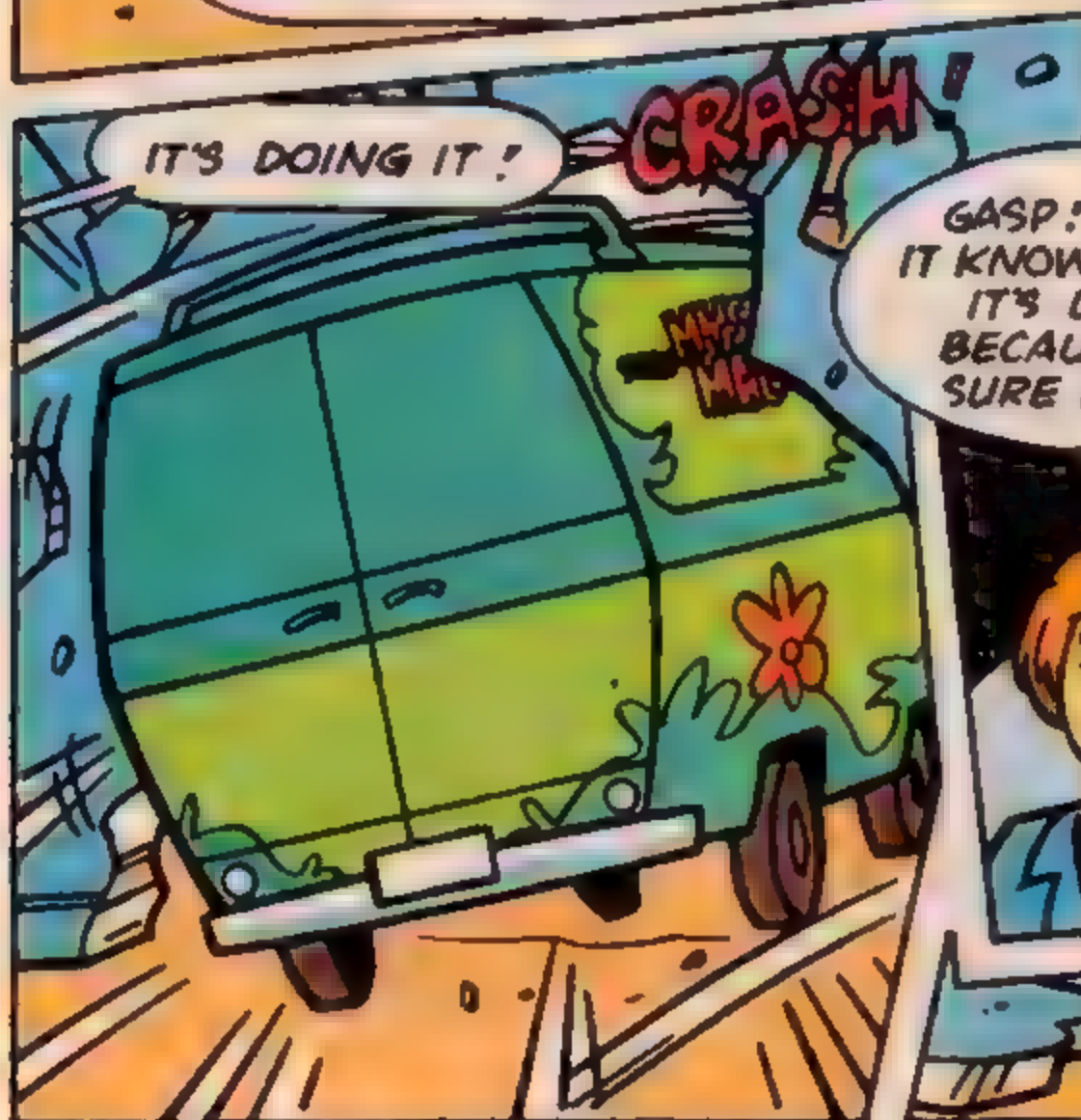
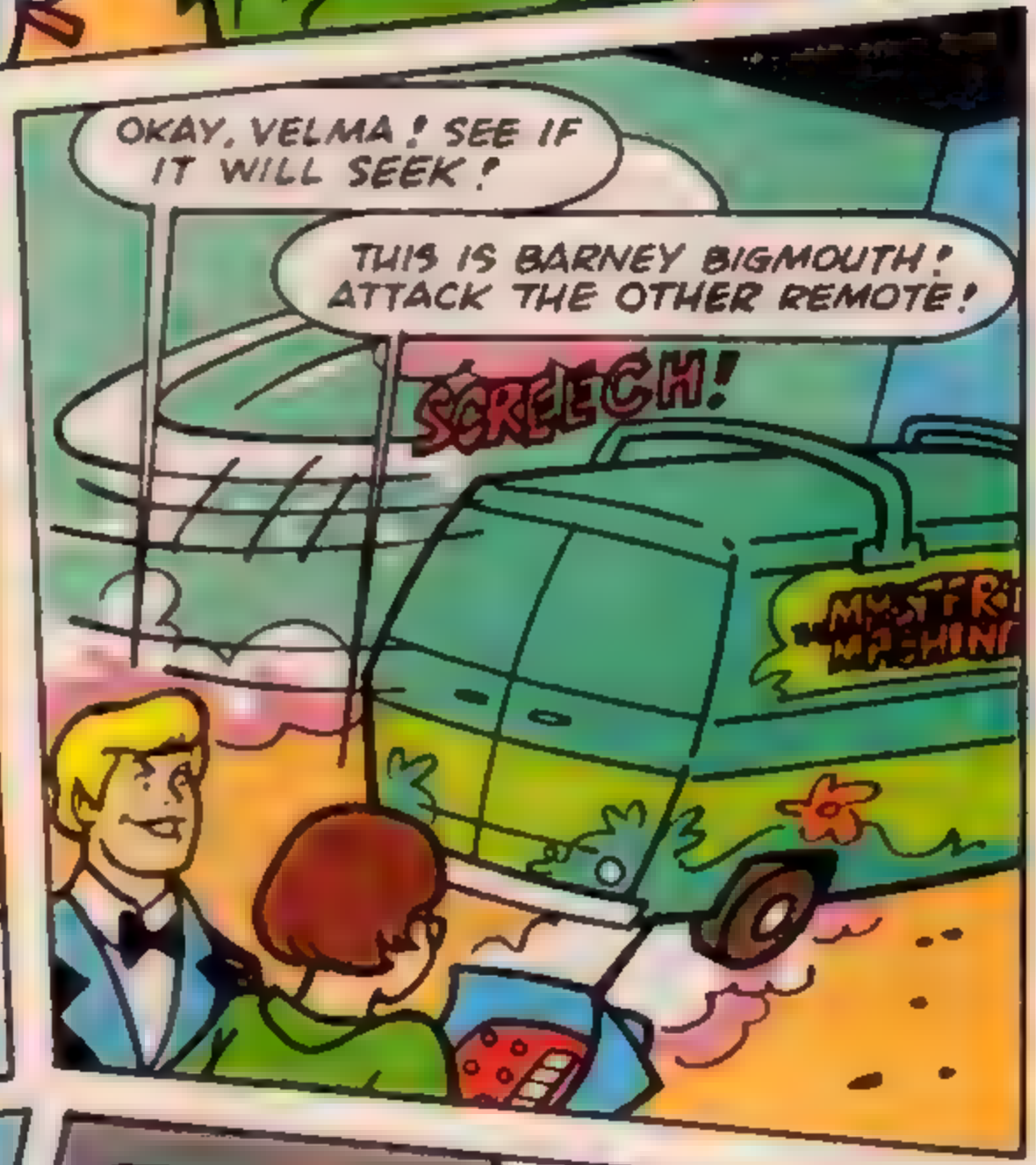
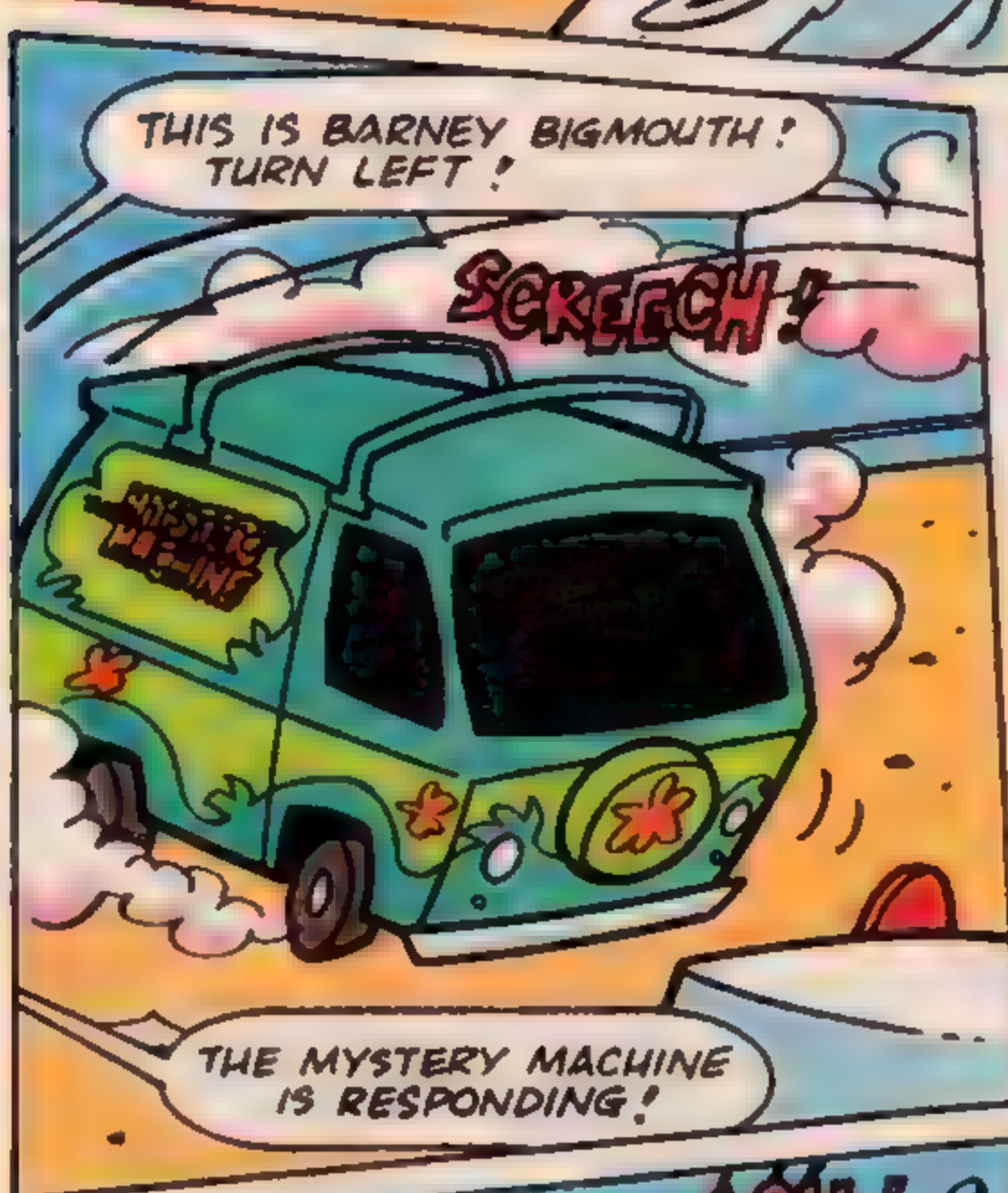
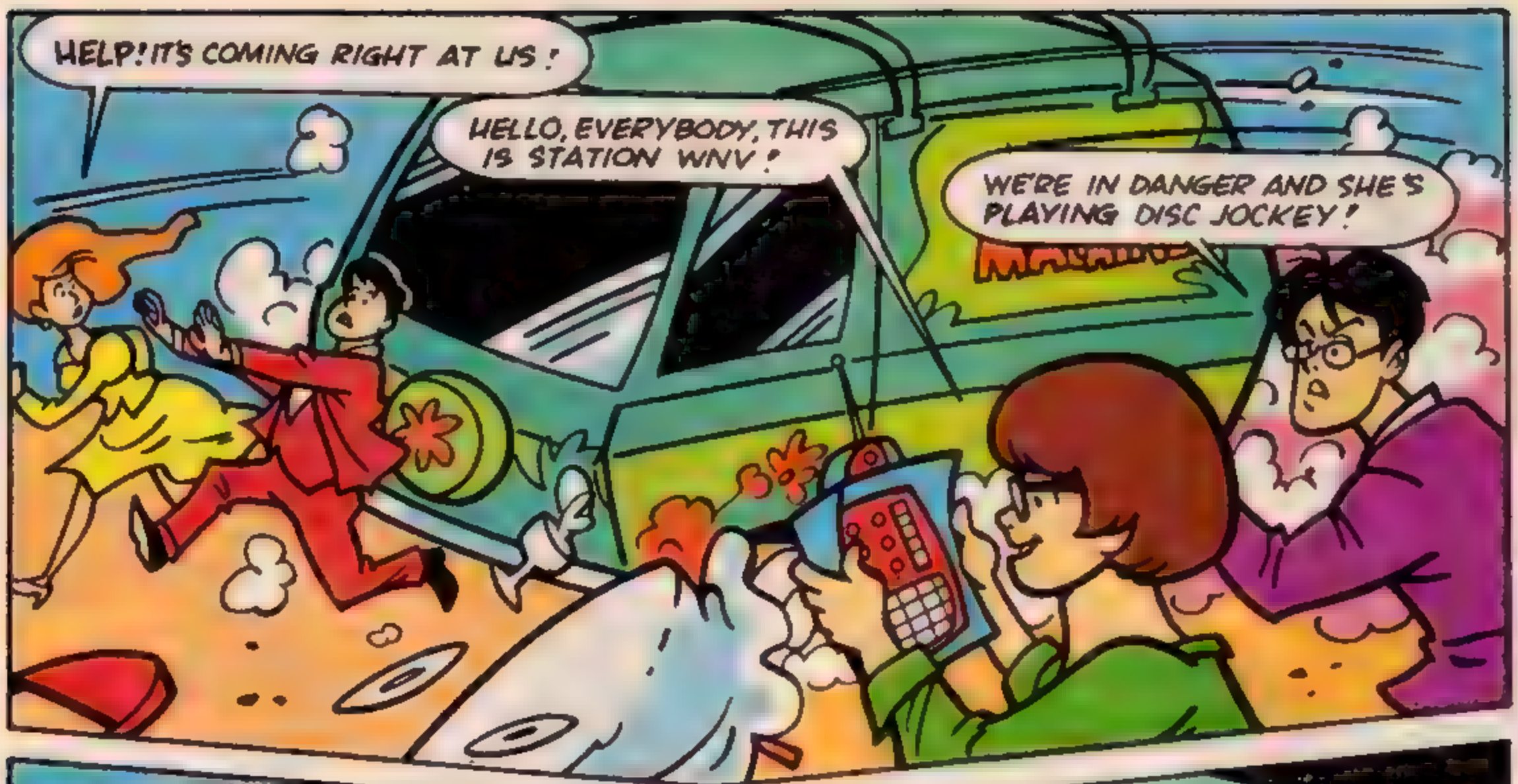
IT WAS OPEN WHEN WE WERE HERE BEFORE!

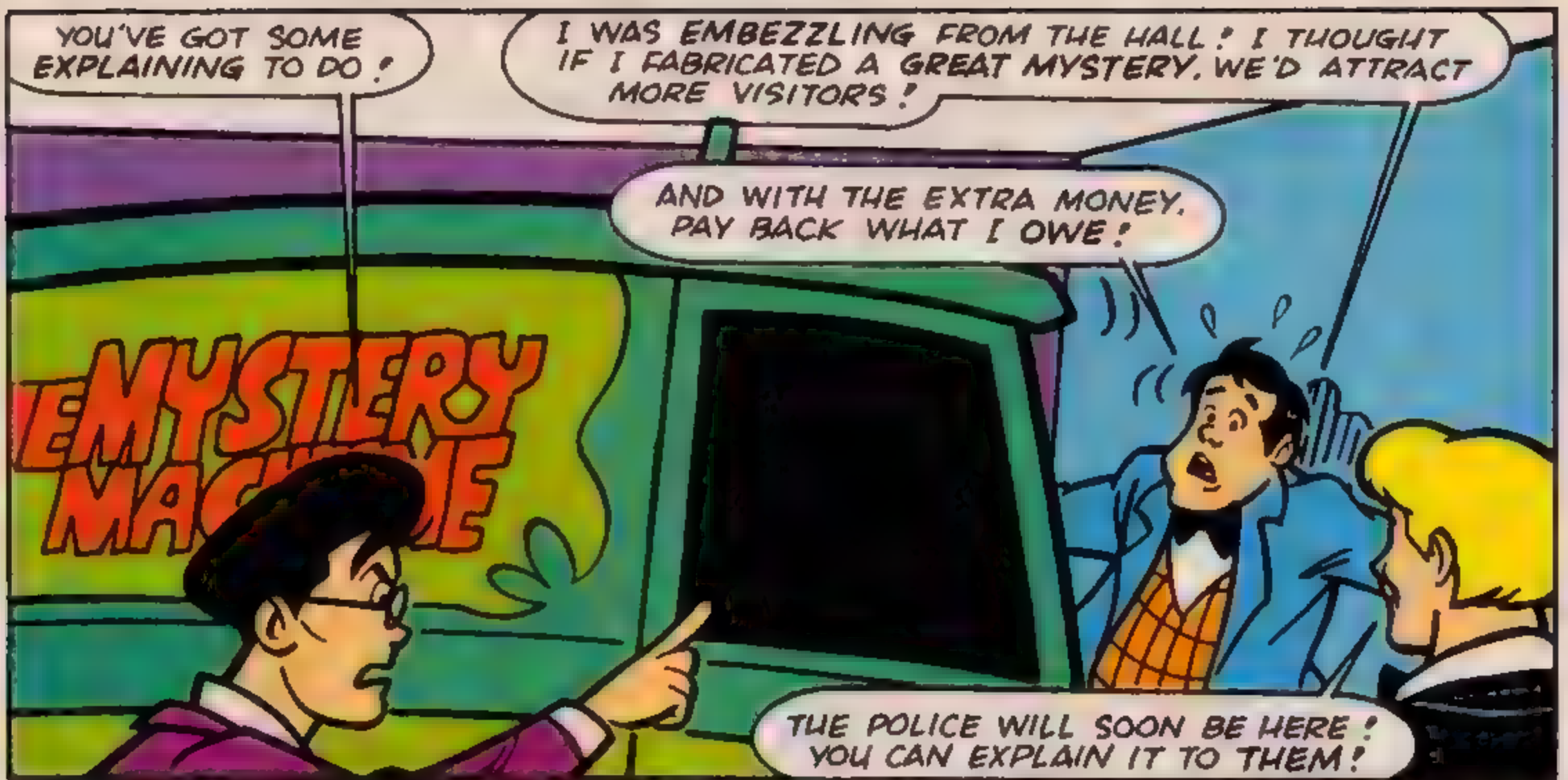
GAS STATION CLOSED FOR SEASON



LATER, AT THE AWARDS DINNER...





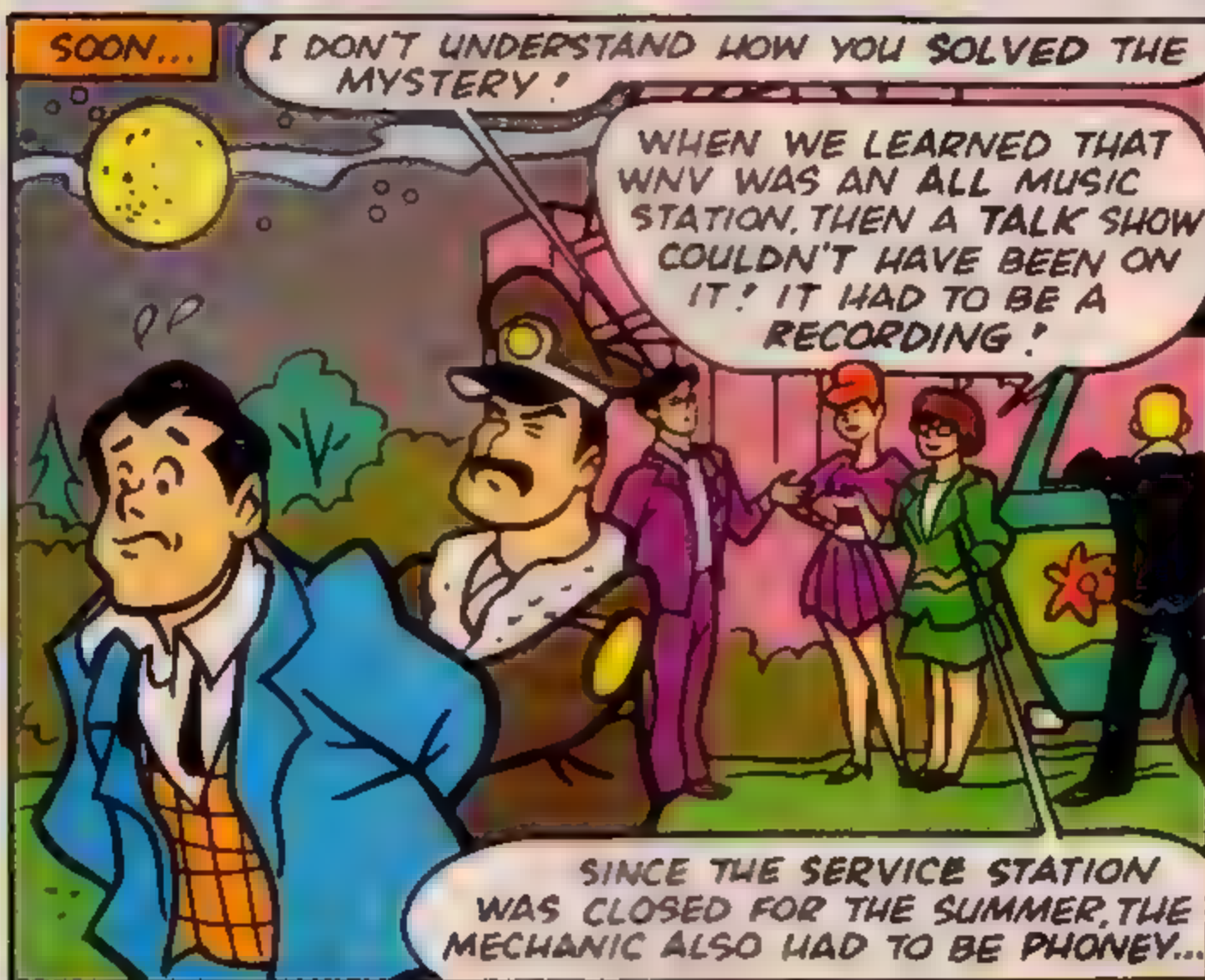


YOU'VE GOT SOME EXPLAINING TO DO!

I WAS EMBEZZLING FROM THE HALL! I THOUGHT IF I FABRICATED A GREAT MYSTERY, WE'D ATTRACT MORE VISITORS!

AND WITH THE EXTRA MONEY, PAY BACK WHAT I OWE!

THE POLICE WILL SOON BE HERE! YOU CAN EXPLAIN IT TO THEM!



SOON...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU SOLVED THE MYSTERY!

WHEN WE LEARNED THAT WNV WAS AN ALL MUSIC STATION, THEN A TALK SHOW COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ON IT! IT HAD TO BE A RECORDING!

SINCE THE SERVICE STATION WAS CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER, THE MECHANIC ALSO HAD TO BE PHONEY...



...AND HE PUT A COMPUTER RECEIVER IN THE MYSTERY MACHINE THAT SENT ITS COMMANDS OVER THE RADIO!

HERE IT IS! WHENEVER THE COMPUTER HEARD THE NAME BARNEY BIGMOUTH, IT FOLLOWED ITS COMMANDS!



SO, THE MECHANIC HAD TO BE ROB IN DISGUISE!

CORRECT!

I'M SORRY I WAS SUCH A PEST! YOU GUYS DESERVE TO BE IN THE HALL OF FAME!



WHERE ARE YOU TWO GOING?

IT'S NICE BEING INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF FAME, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING BETTER GOING ON...

THE CAFETERIA IS HAVING AN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT MACARONI AND CHEESE SPECIAL!

RYE!
RYE!

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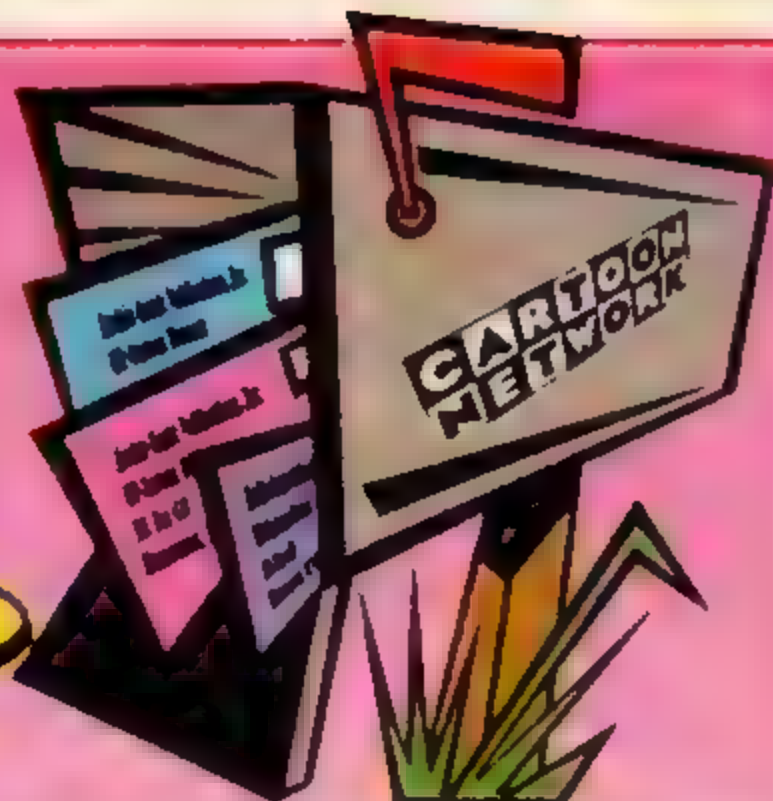
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Dear Cartoon Network Comic News:

Scooby-Doo is a comic book I have waited a long time for. It has always been my favorite TV show and I have always wanted to see the first episode. I was so amazed when I found out that you made Scooby-Doo comics. I appreciate what you did and I'm going to collect every issue you ever make.

Sean Quigley,
Bryan, TX

(Glad we could oblige, Sean. And you may have given us an idea. What would you folks think of our doing that first episode in comics form?)

Dear Cartoon Network Comic News:

I'm 30-something and still enjoy comics. As you can imagine, I'm just thrilled about the new Hanna-Barbera comics out now. I am collecting Scooby-Doo (my favorite) as well as the rest of them. It is no easy task trying to locate all these comics. It's an all day search trying to get new issues. Thank you so much for bringing back some of the best! Question: I would like to send in for your Super Saver Subscription and order some back issues, but I do not want to tear the order pages out. Would a photo copy be acceptable?

Mary E. Hoffman,
Seminole, FL

(Sorry, you sometimes run into trouble locating our books, Mary. Thanks for the effort and we hope it's continually worth it. Any of you having problems like that should tell your local dealer or comic store to order them. You'd be surprised at how much they listen. And, yes indeed, a photo copy of the order form would be perfectly acceptable.)

Dear Cartoon Network Comic News:

I just finished reading Hanna-Barbera Presents #8 (Frankenstein Jr. and The Impossibles). I would just like to thank you for helping me recapture the joys of my youth. A rock group masquerading as super heroes? Uniquely wonderful concept for its time and while imitated at least twice since then, it has never been surpassed. Thanks again for the nostalgia trip.

Cary Killingbeck,
Harwinton, CT

(Thanks, Cary. All of us here were proud of that issue. Any others out there want to tell us what they thought?)

Dear Cartoon Network Comic News:

I read your comic of Frankenstein Jr. and The Impossibles and I loved it. Would you be printing any more of the Hanna-Barbera superheroes? I watch them on the Cartoon Network.

Tom Mahoney,
NYC

(Boy, what a quick response! Yes, Tom, look for Space Ghost. It's a knockout of a book!)

Dear Cartoon Network Comic News:

The H-B Presents Frankenstein Jr. and The Impossibles was EXCELLENT! Make it a series and all my friends and I will keep buying them!

Rick Goldschmidt,
Palos Hills, IL

(Wow! Who could have believed what a response I'd get when I asked that question.)

Dear Cartoon Network Comic News:

I am writing this letter to make a back issue request. I would like to know if I can directly order Hanna-Barbera Presents #7 with the return of the Wacky Races by sending you a check or money order?

Phillip O'Dell,
Houston, TX

(Phillip, you can only order those back issues that are available and advertised in each issue. Sorry but we do not keep stock on all issues. Just check each issue of your Cartoon Network favorites and see what's listed that month. That'll tell you what you can order.)

Dear Cartoon Network News:

I love your comics, especially Scooby-Doo and Wacky Races. I think it's cool that after you read the comic you can watch it on the Cartoon Network.

Alex Finney,
Brighton, MI

(Sure thing, Alex. And after you watch a cartoon on Cartoon Network you can read the comic!)

Dear Cartoon Network News:

I'm 9 years old and I love Scooby-Doo (and Scrappy and Shaggy too!). I

have almost a complete collection of Scooby-Doo comics. They're so mysterious and well-drawn. You'd never guess that the people who seem to be good are actually behind everything. Keep up the good work!

Jaykie Lazarte,
Pque., MM, Philippines

(With fans like you, Jaykie, we just have to! Thanks for the compliments.)

Dear Cartoon Network News:

Scooby-Doo #14, "The Balloon Busters," was simply classic. It read like an actual episode of the TV series and that really is how this book should be structured. Book length mysteries, with or without Scrappy, make better sense than trying to do two tales and having to rush the climaxes to each.

Jacob Gilbert,
Troy, NY

(Thanks again, Jacob. We always get interesting and insightful comments from you. What do the rest of you think? Do you prefer two stories or one long one?)

Dear Cartoon Network Comic News:

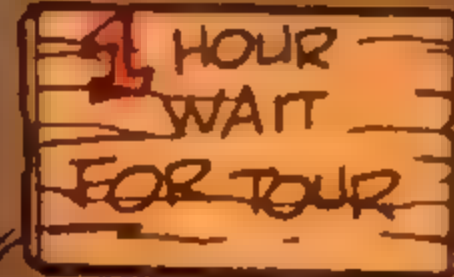
Just dropping a note to say thanks for "A Pup Named Scooby-Doo." It was so close to the actual cartoon, I thought I was hearing the background music and sound effects!

Steve Wann,
Baltimore, MD

(What a nice way of putting it, Steve. Thanks so much to all of you and the wonderful comments you gave us this month!)



CAVE FEAR!



I QUIT! DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC IS ONE THING! BUT BEING CHASED BY GIANT BATS IS GOING TOO FAR!

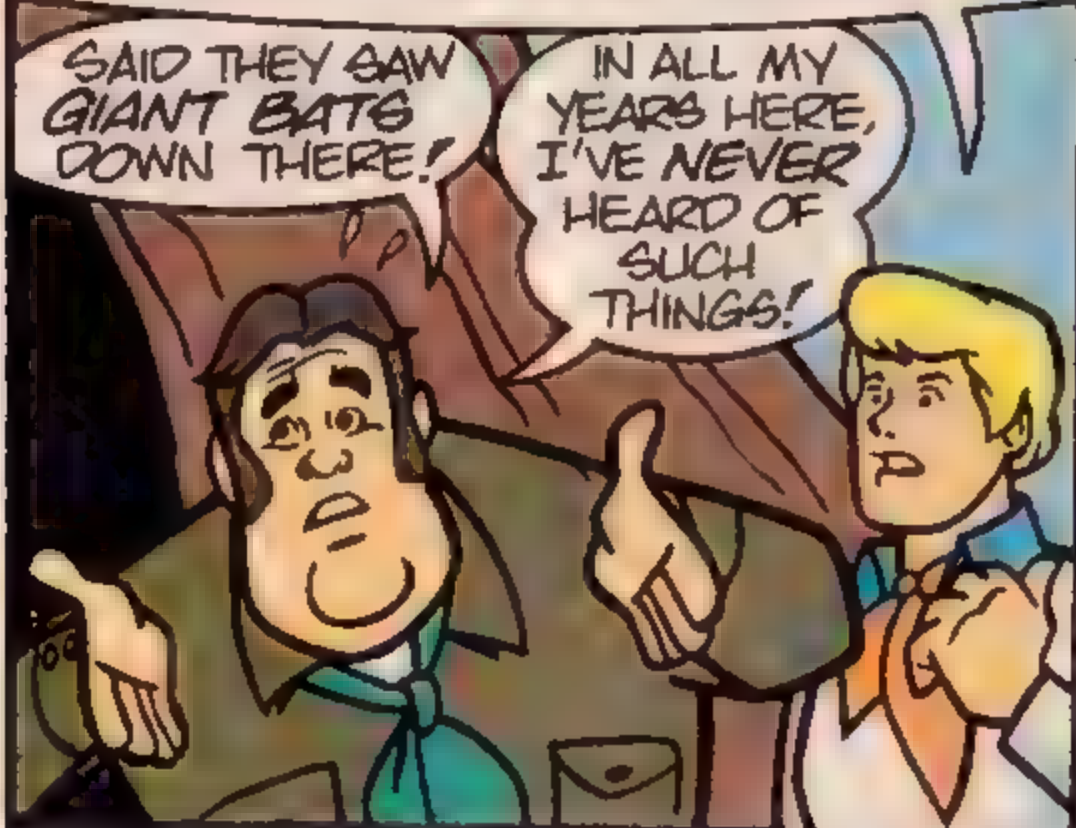
I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT, ELVIS! YOU'VE BEEN A GOOD EMPLOYEE!



EXCUSE ME, SIR! BUT WHY WERE THOSE PEOPLE FLEEING THE CAVERN?

SAID THEY SAW GIANT BATS DOWN THERE!

IN ALL MY YEARS HERE, I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH THINGS!



MY NAME'S BOB STALAGMITE! I OWN THE CAVERN TOURS!

HI, BOB! I'M FRED AND THESE ARE MY FRIENDS: VELMA, DAPHNE, SHAGGY AND SCOOBY!



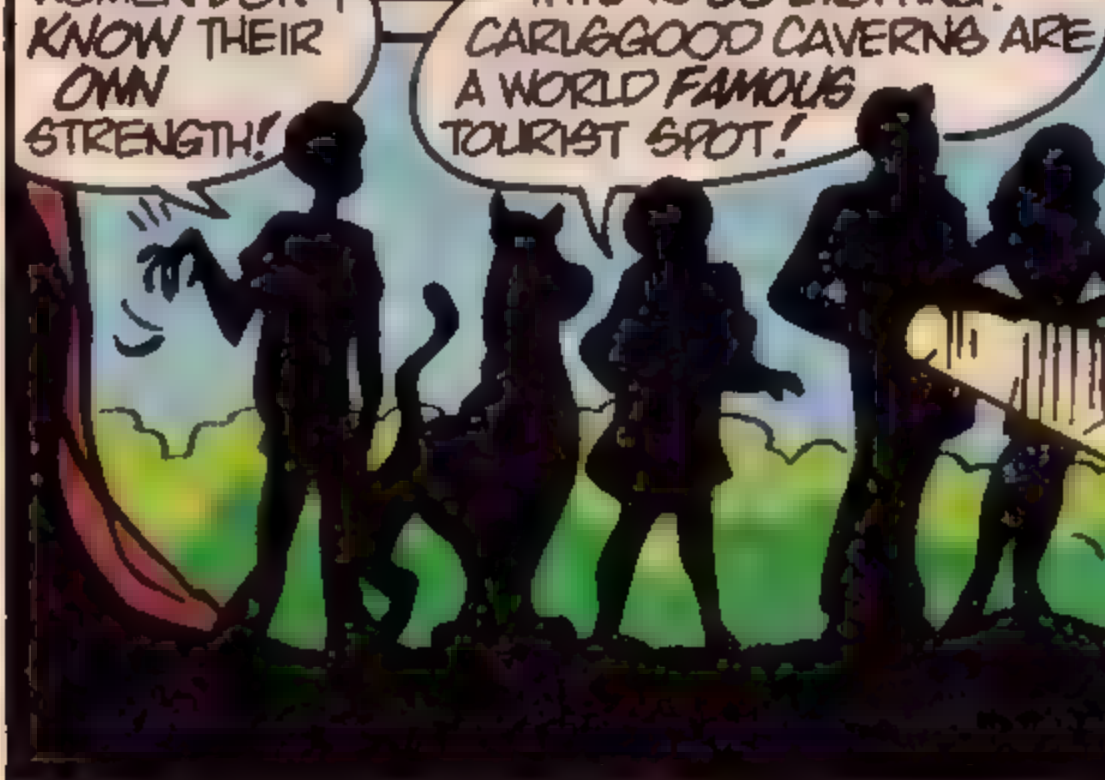
MIND IF WE TAKE A LOOK DOWN THERE? WE'VE HAD DEALINGS WITH SUPERNATURAL OCCURRENCES!

I'LL APPRECIATE ANY HELP I CAN GET! I'LL GUIDE YOU DOWN THERE MYSELF!



SOME WOMEN DON'T KNOW THEIR OWN STRENGTH!

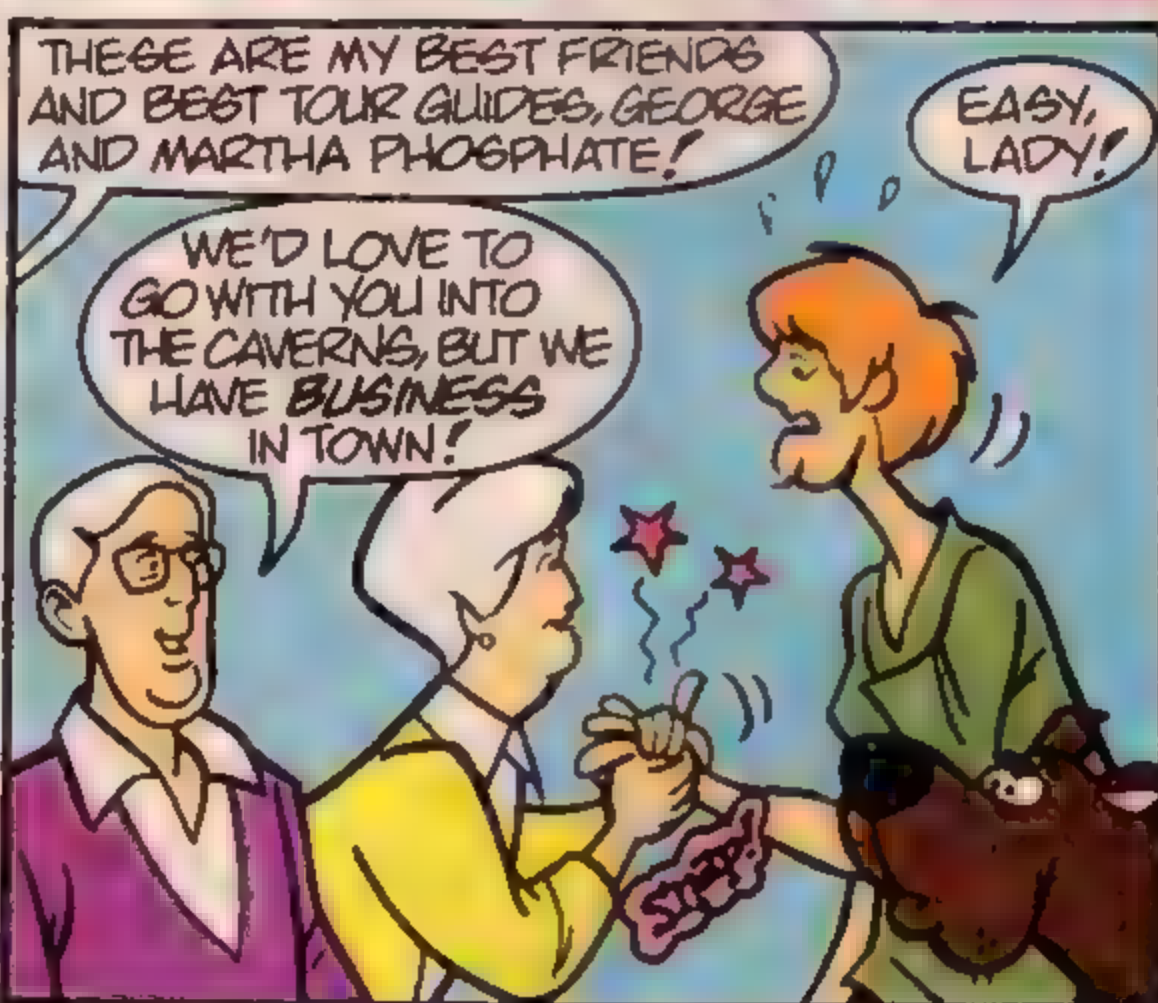
THIS IS SO EXCITING! CARLEGGOOD CAVERNS ARE A WORLD FAMOUS TOURIST SPOT!



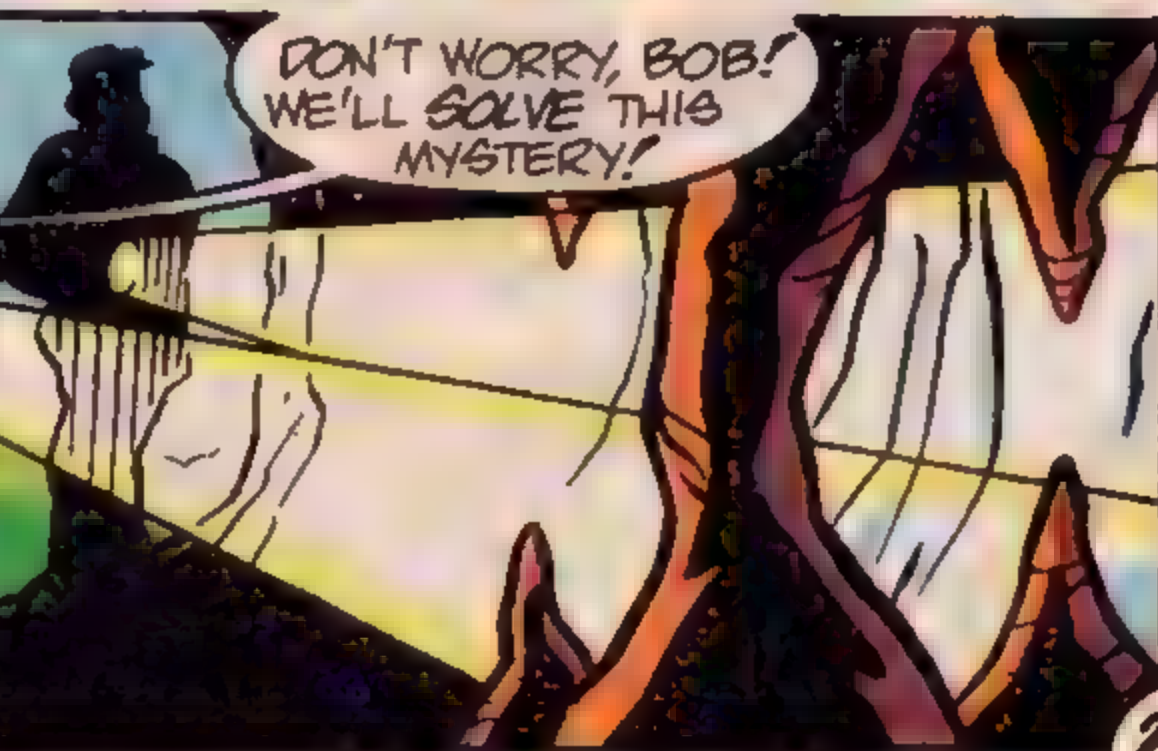
THESE ARE MY BEST FRIENDS AND BEST TOUR GUIDES, GEORGE AND MARTHA PHOSPHATE!

EASY, LADY!

WE'D LOVE TO GO WITH YOU INTO THE CAVERNS, BUT WE HAVE BUSINESS IN TOWN!



DON'T WORRY, BOB! WE'LL SOLVE THIS MYSTERY!



Soon...

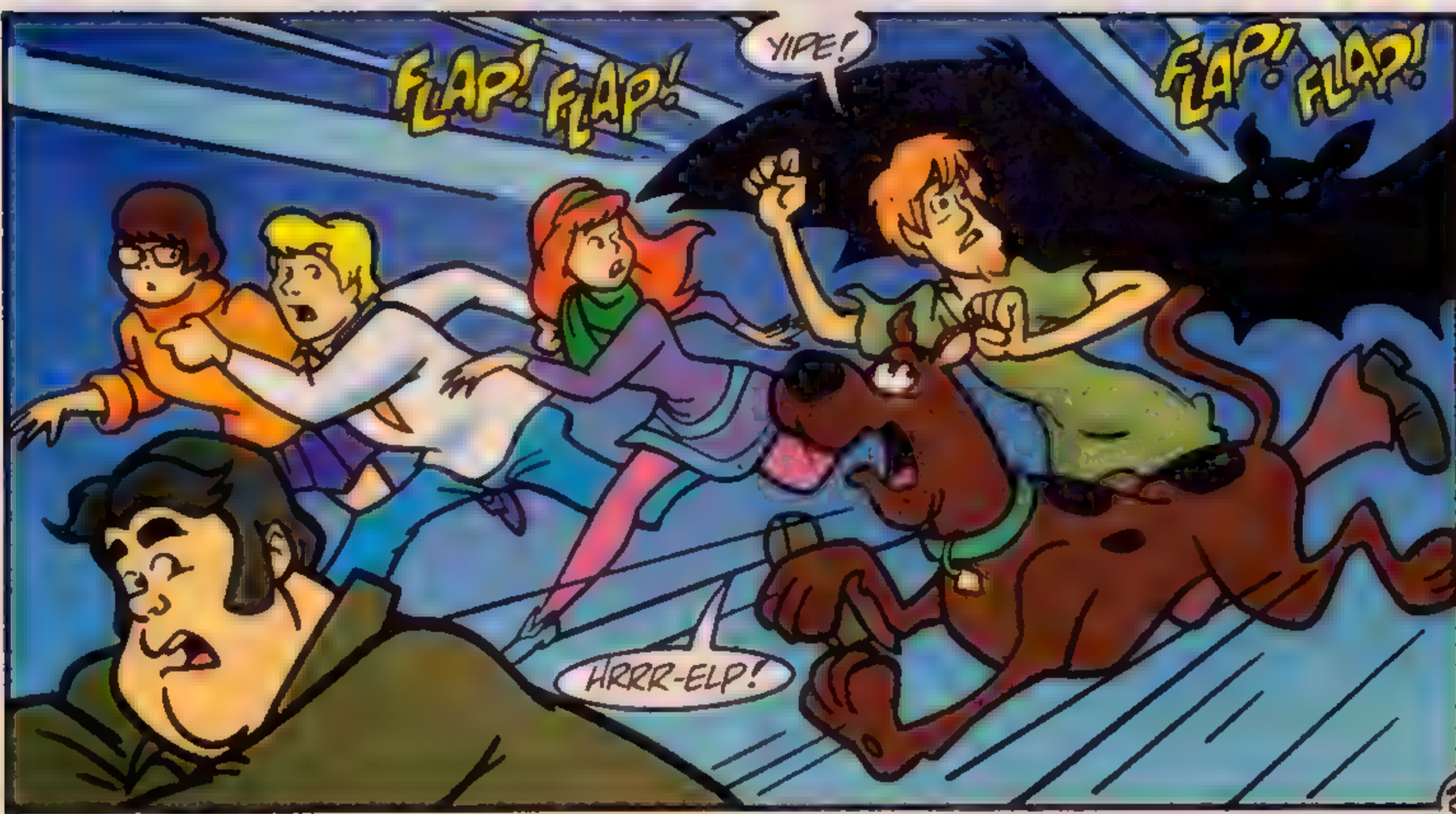
WOW! I'VE HEARD ABOUT PLACES LIKE THIS! BUT I NEVER DREAMED THEY WERE SO BEAUTIFUL!

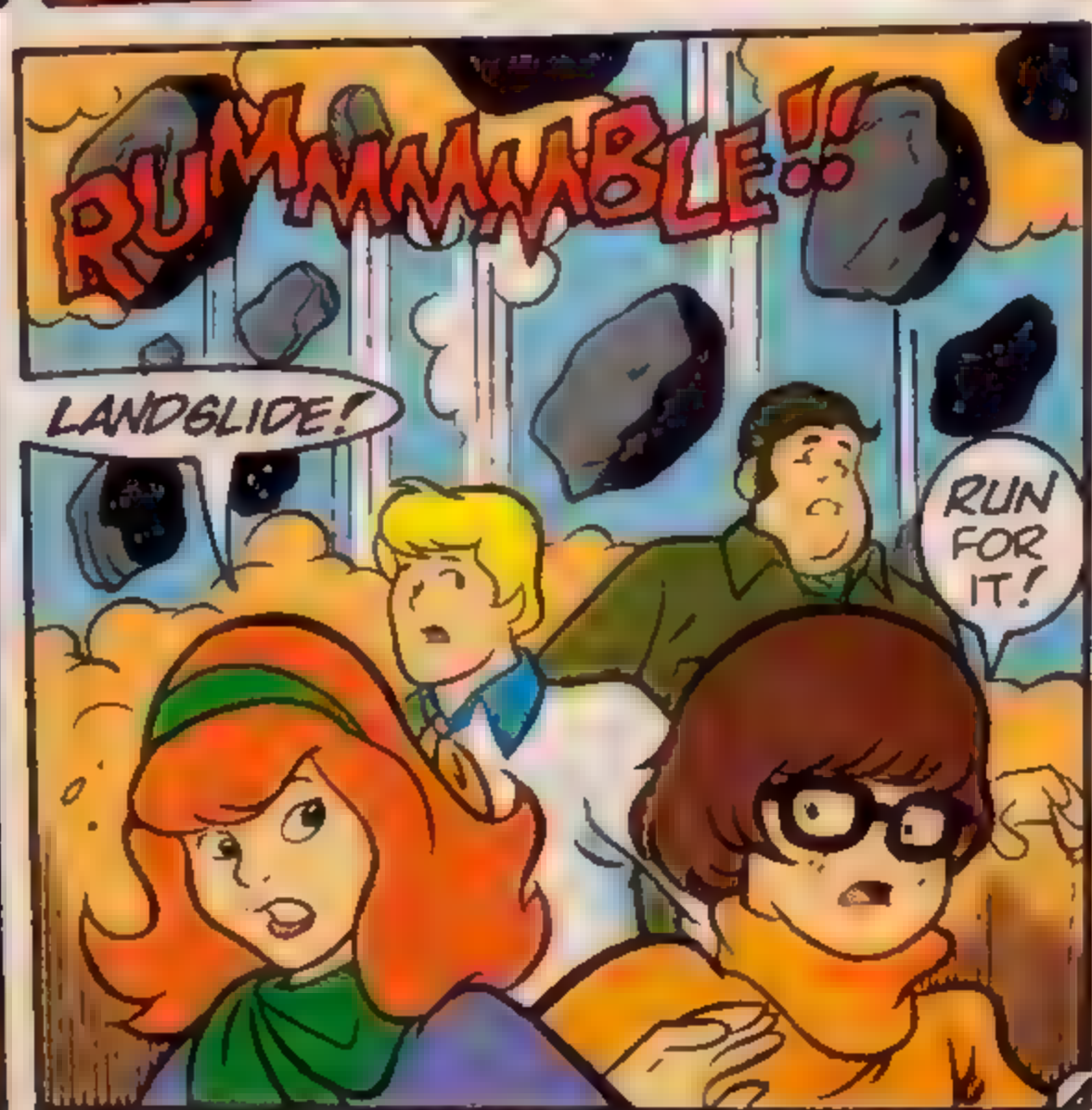
IT SURE IS, VELMA! BUT I'M GOING BROKE BECAUSE OF THE BATS! I SHOULD HAVE ACCEPTED GEORGE AND MARTHA'S OFFER TO BUY THE BUSINESS!

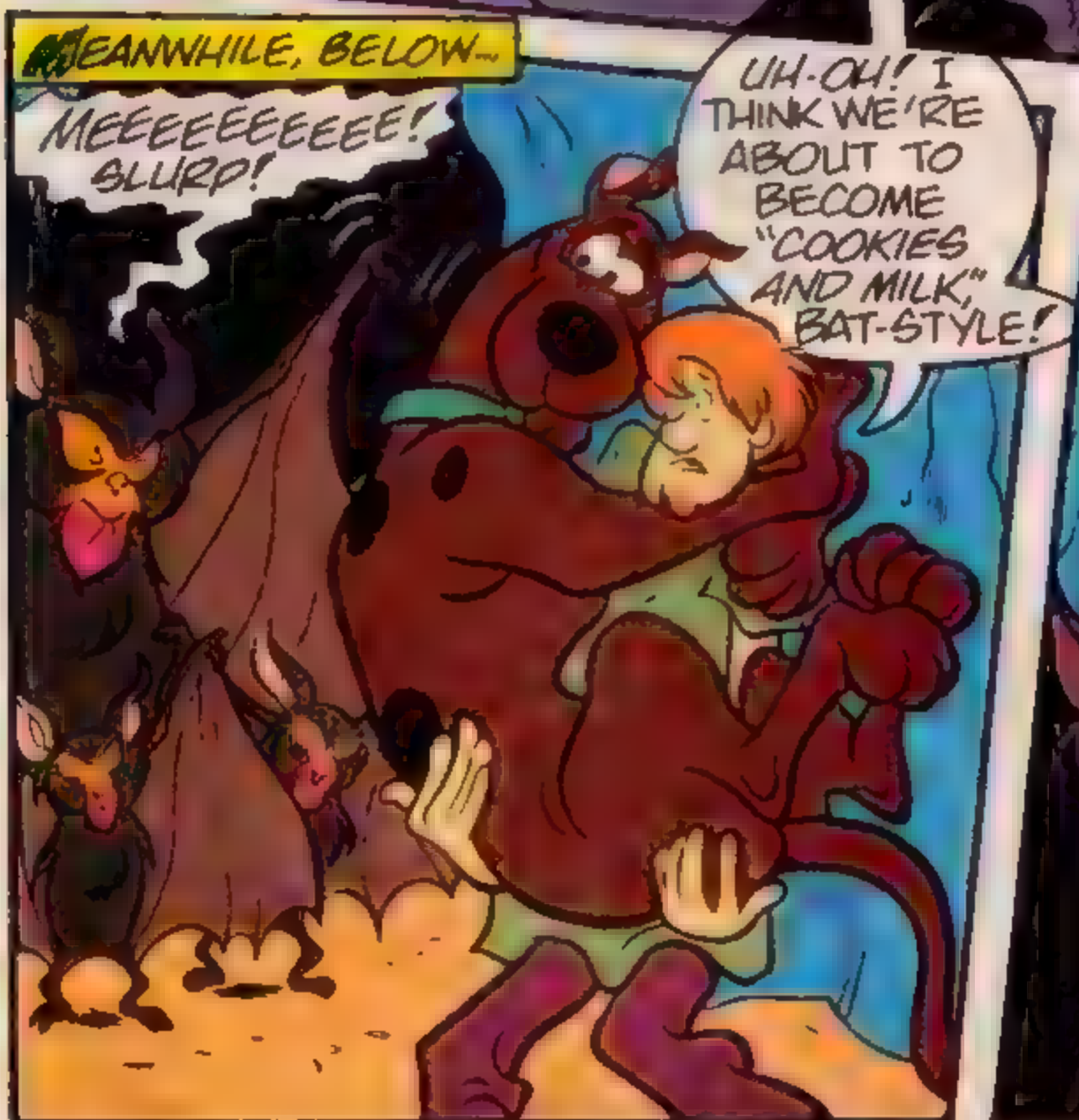


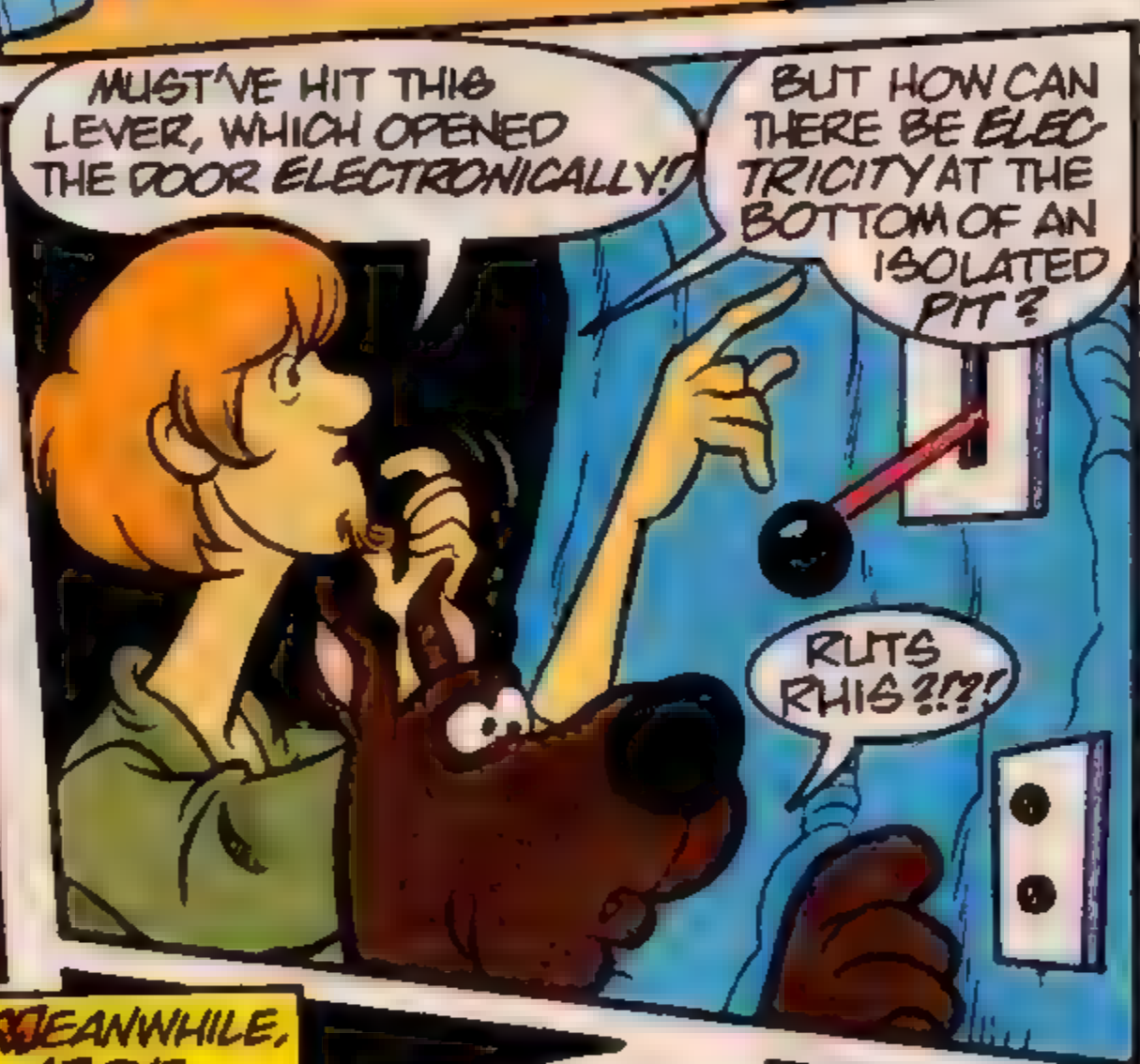
BUT WHY WOULD THEY WANT TO BUY A BUSINESS THAT'S GOING UNDER?

GUESS IT SHOWS WHAT GOOD FRIENDS THEY ARE, FRED!



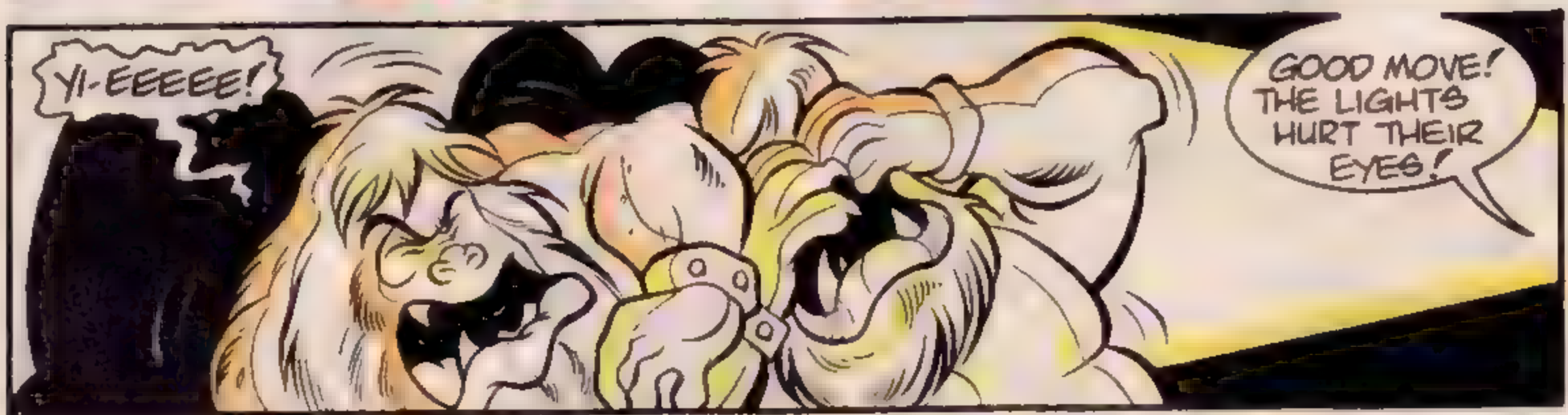






MEANWHILE, ABOVE...





HELLO, IN THERE! CAN ANYONE HEAR US?

THAT'S GEORGE!

WE'RE HERE, GEORGE! BEHIND THESE ROCKS!

YOU CAN BARELY MAKE OUT THE DOOR! IT'S ALL VERY SUSPICIOUS!

STAND BACK! WE'RE GONNA BLOW THE ROCKS AWAY!

KA-BOOOOM!!

WE WERE GETTING WORRIED!

I'VE DECIDED TO SELL THE CAVES TO YOU AND MARTHA! IT'S BECOME TOO MUCH FOR ME!

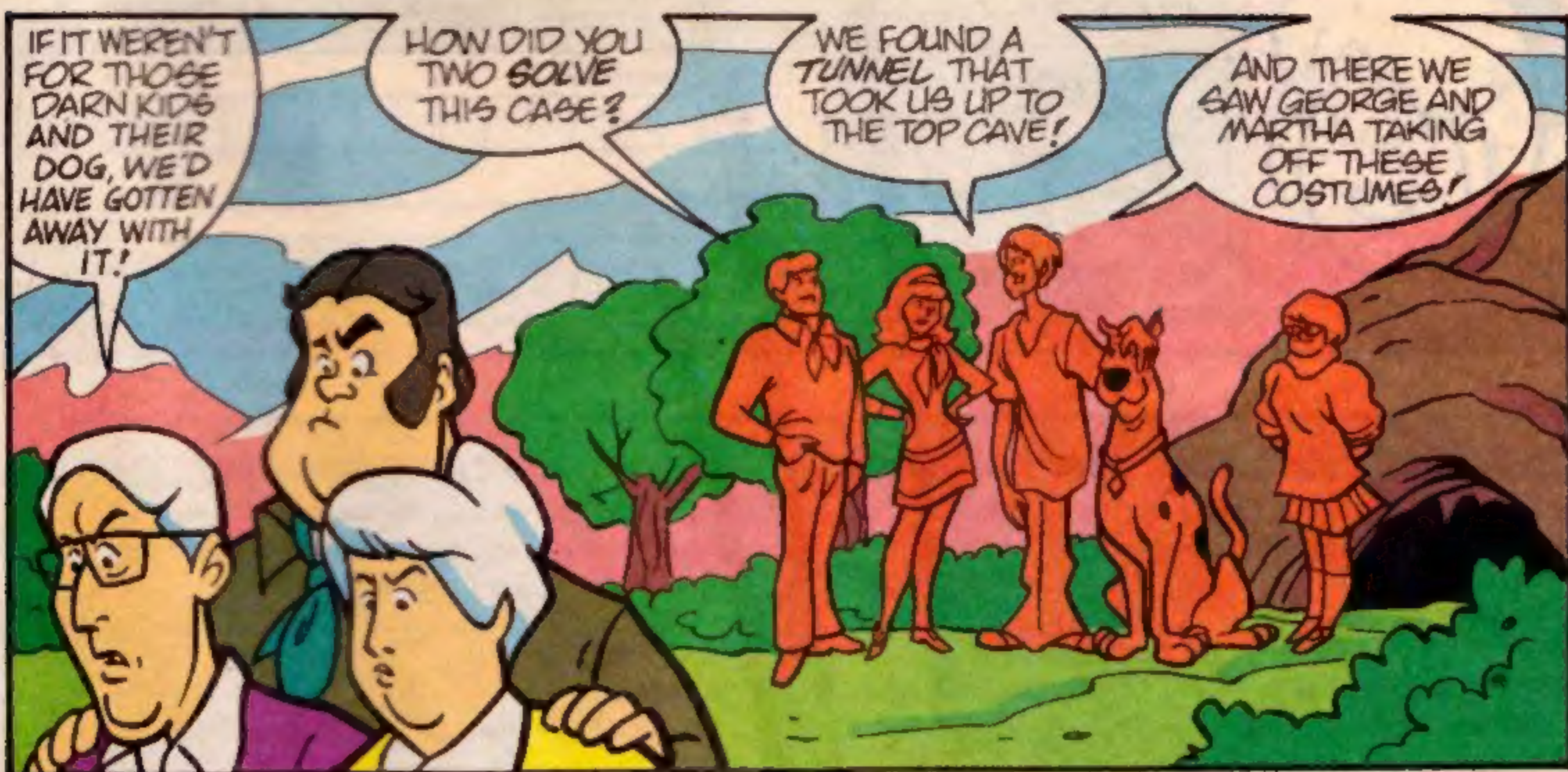
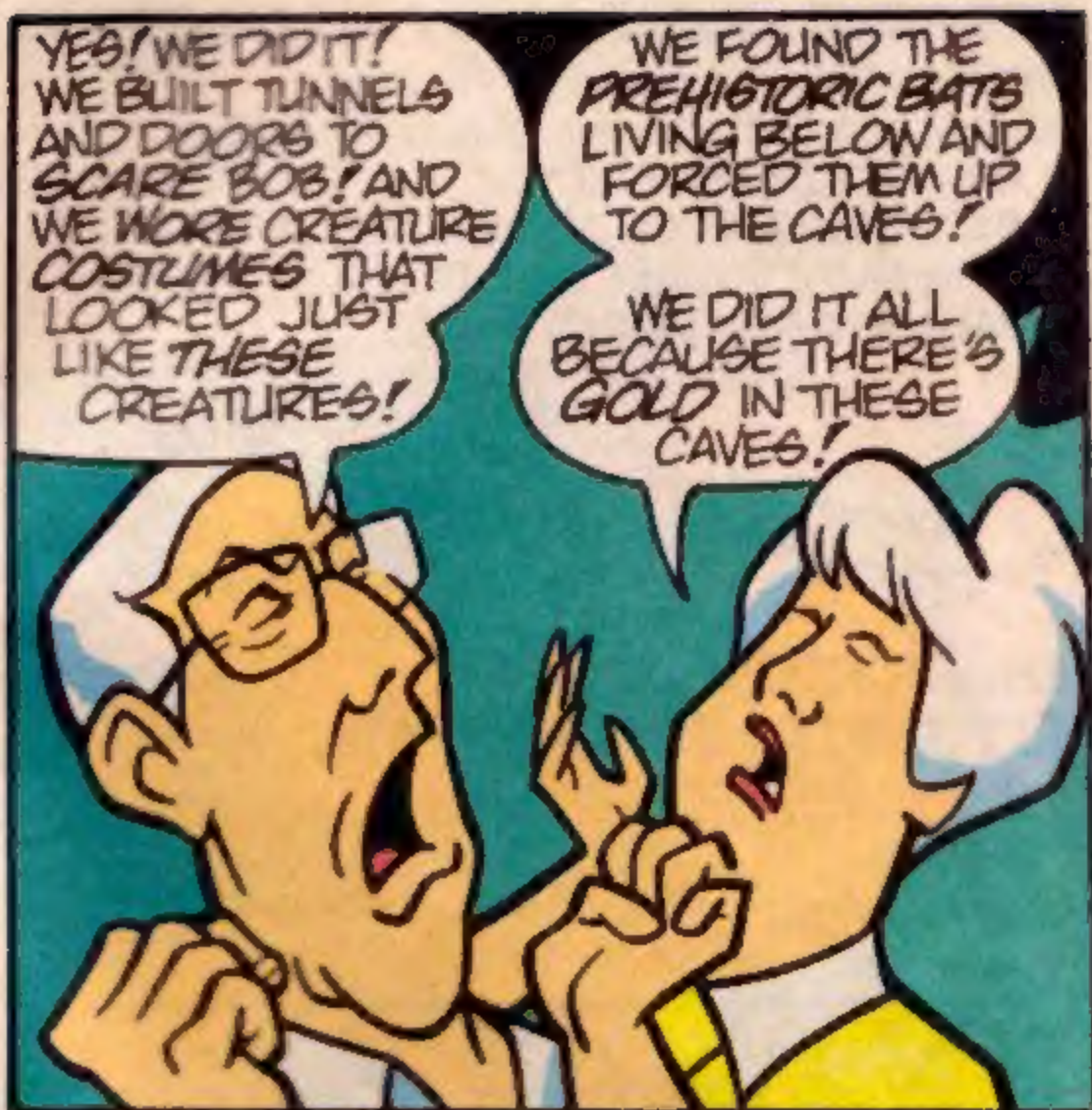
YOU SAVED US!

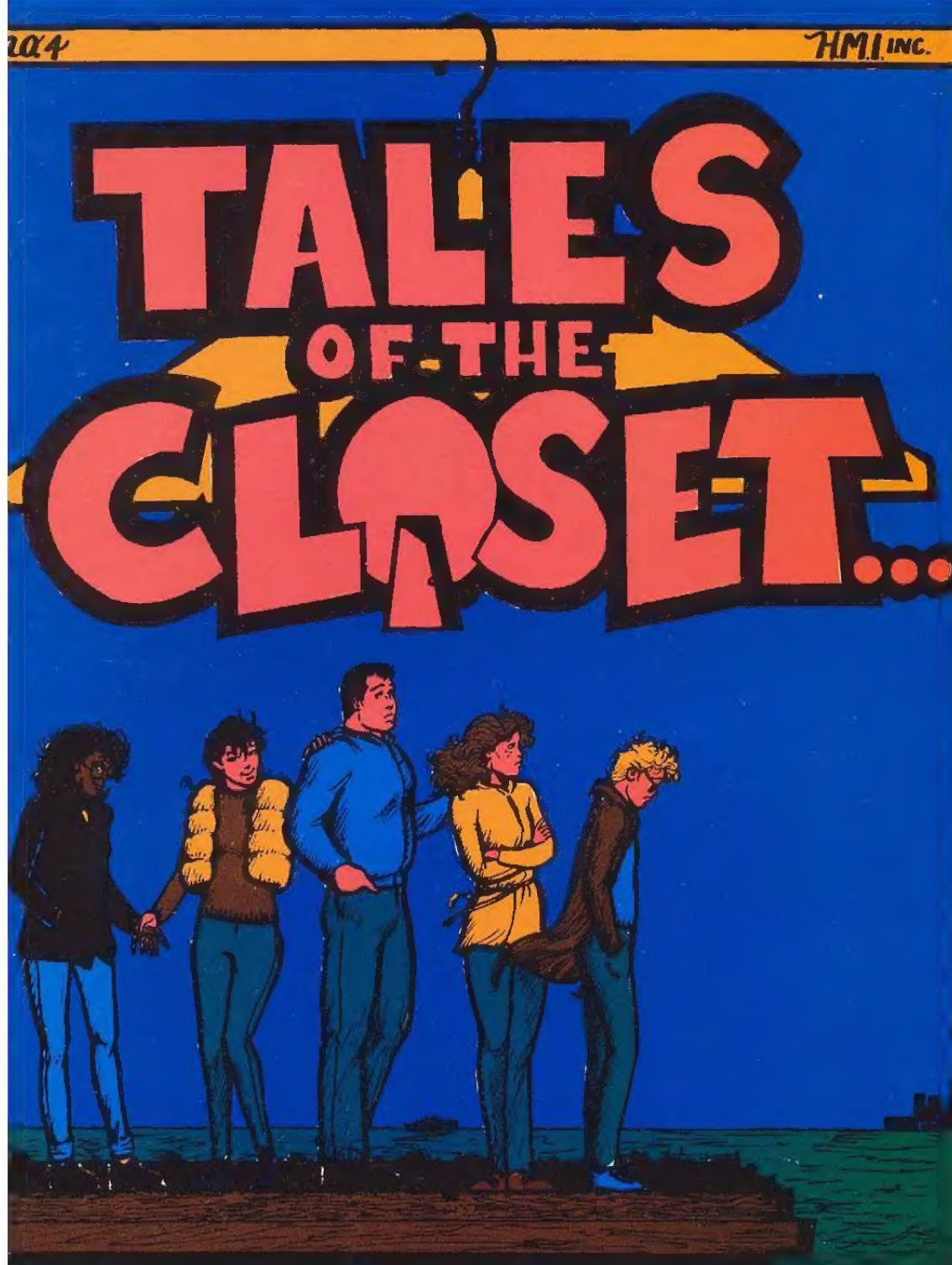
BUT IT'S ONLY RIGHT THAT I TELL YOU THAT WE SAW MONSTERS HERE!

I'D SAY THESE PEOPLE ARE TOO FRIENDLY TO BOB!

I'M SURE IT WAS JUST YOUR IMAGINATION! WE JUST WANT TO HELP YOU, OL' PAL!







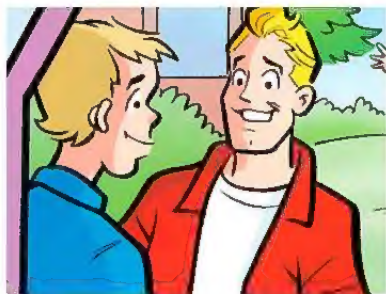
Ivan Velez Jr. once said that Tales of the Closet was supposed to be Archie with gay characters.

-- [Here w/Josh and Sara podcast](#)

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Tales of the Closet was published by a small youth services program based out of NYC. It's one of the few representations of reality-based gay teens in comics real life teenagers could count on on an ongoing basis. The only other companies that have any staying power in the comics industry besides Archie are Marvel and DC, who mainly dealt with superheroes and didn't touch gay issues for nearly forever. Velez and the HMI's attempt was innovative and formidable. They first appeared in 1987 and the series ended, on a cliffhanger, that hasn't been resolved to this day, in 1993. It lasted for six years, longer than any other depiction of gay teens that didn't wear capes and have sci-fi based super powers, something gay teens may have wished for when fighting homophobia, but alas, couldn't count on.

Now, 23 years after the debut of "the gay Archie", the actual Archie publications have finally decided to take a bold step into the modern day.



Congratulations to Archie Comics for joining us (well, most of us) in the 21st century. We knew it had to happen one day.

And congratulations to DCP's scanner **ComicHost** and editor **sidekick** for releasing this awesome scan of another wonderful Archie Comics release.

NEXT ISSUE:

KEVIN
is back!

VERONICA
might lose
BETTY for
her new
BFF for
good if she
doesn't
watch her
step!



The return of Kevin Keller!

Look for Veronica #205
on sale the week of March 15, 2011

(This scan was released the week of January 26th, 2011.)